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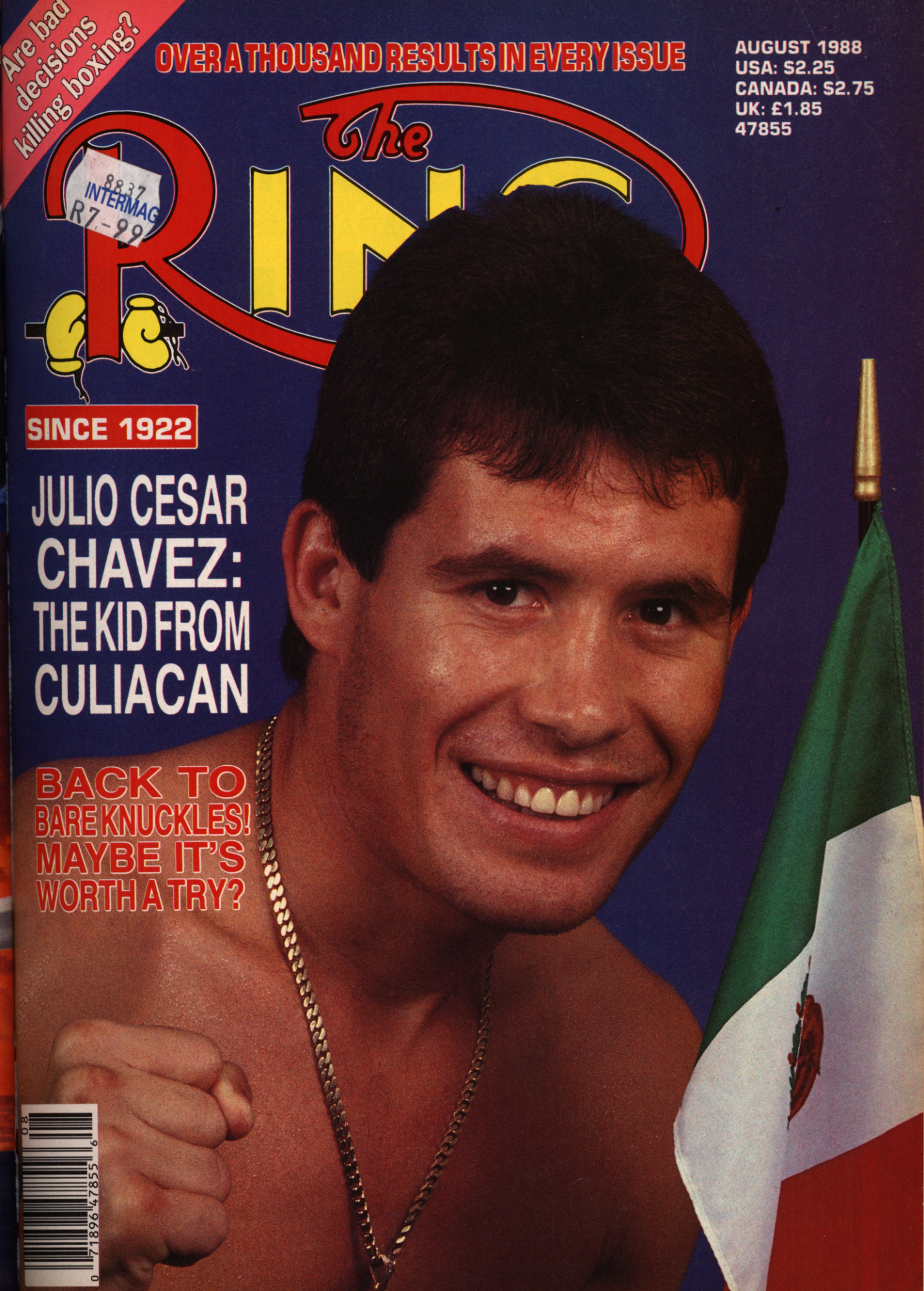

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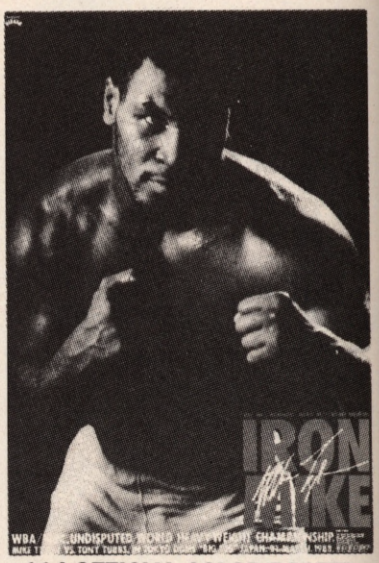

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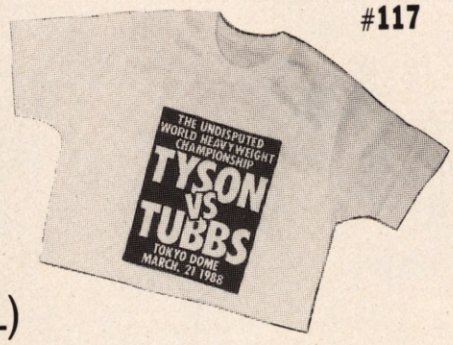

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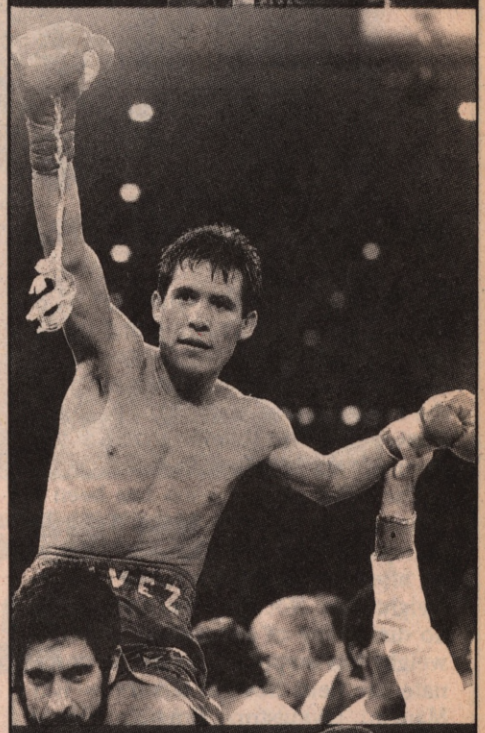

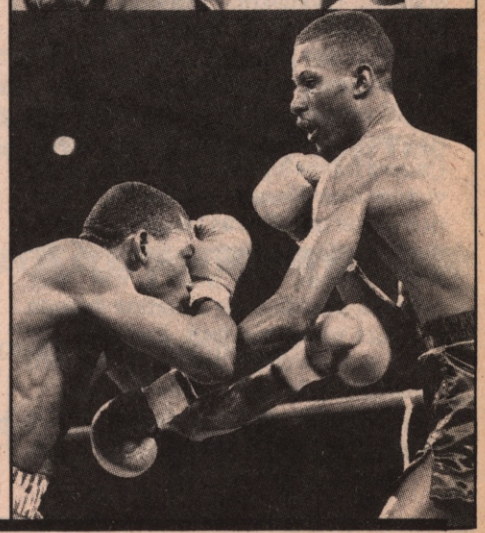

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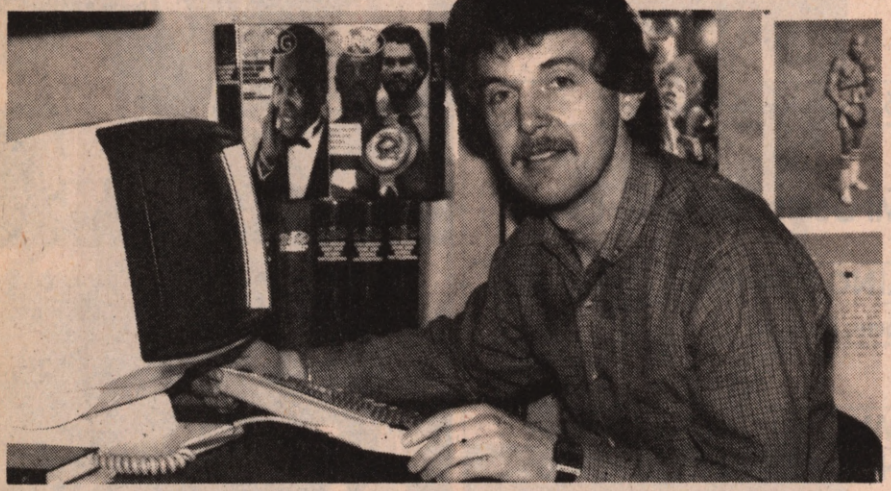

It's been a long time coming, but it looks like we are finally going to fill the vacancy at the top of the lightweight pile. *The Ring* will recognize the winner of the upcoming Julio Cesar Chavez-Jose Luis Ramirez match as the genuine "world" champion.

The 135-pound division has been a splintered mess since Alexis Arguello relinquished the world title in 1982 to go after Aaron Pryor's junior welterweight belt. Not only has there been no direct line of succession, no lightweight has stepped forward to dominate the field. Several boxers — Ray Mancini, Livingstone Bramble, Edwin Rosario and even Hector Camacho — enjoyed brief moments in the sun, but none have shown much staying power.

As I wrote in my December '87 editorial, we were very tempted to recognize Chavez following his highly impressive victory over Rosario for the WBA portion of the title. But as I explained then, the fact that Ramirez, owner of the WBC bauble, also held a win over Rosario, muddled the situation enough to make us wait a little longer in the hope a showdown between the two champs would soon come to pass.

Once again, patience has proved a virtue. Barring anything unforeseen, the decision as to who is the true lightweight champion will be settled the way it should be — in the ring.

Of course, some may ask: what about IBF lightweight boss Greg Haugen? Won't the winner of the Chavez-Ramirez bout have to fight Haugen before he can claim the championship?

Not really. The IBF belt, which didn't even exist the last time boxing had a bonafide lightweight ruler, has the weakest history of the bunch. Do we really want to consider guys such as Charlie "Choo Choo" Brown, Harry Arroyo, Jimmy Paul and Vinny Pazienza as authentic world champions? No, these were men who held a sliver of the title ... at best.

While Chavez is heavily favored to beat Ramirez, *The Ring* has an earnest request for whoever emerges triumphant: PLEASE don't instantly move up to the far less prestigious 140-pound class. The lightweights have been lacking a leader for far too long. Now one seems finally ready to be crowned, it would be nice to have him stick around awhile. □

Nigel Collins

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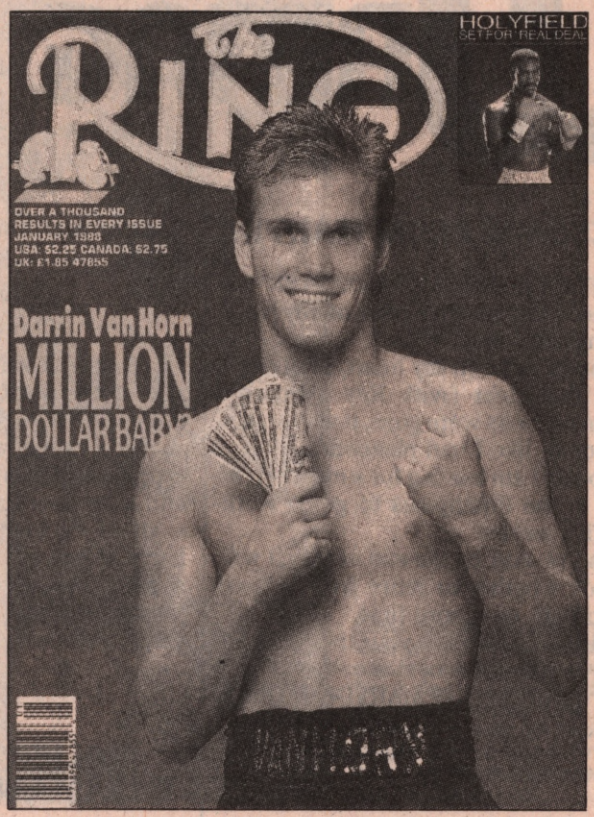

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MESSAGE FROM MARVIN

I RECEIVED YOUR "OPEN LETTER" TO me in this month's issue of *The Ring* ("Ringside," April '88).

You're right. In my heart, I believe I won that fight (with Ray Leonard). When my belts were gone, it was tough. Not quite like I had planned it.

Today, I am leaving for a movie location in the Philippines to go to work for five weeks.

As I've said, by the end of May, I will decide whether to retire from boxing or to fight one more time.

Nigel, I appreciate your thoughts. I'll talk to you again next month.

MARVELOUS MARVIN HAGLER
Champ and friend
Staughton, Mass.

READERS MAUL MERCHANT

I WANT TO COMMEND *THE RING*'S managing editor, Phill Marder, for his informative and very unbiased article in the "Round One" section of your May '88 issue. He gave very deserved credit to HBO for its visual coverage of the Tyson-Holmes fight. He also gave very deserved criticism of Larry Merchant's commentation of the bout. Evidently, Mr. Marder is not the only serious boxing follower who has become disgusted with Mr. Merchant's "Tyson-biased" and totally unprofessional coverage of HBO's championship fights. I, and several of my friends, are on the verge of cancelling our HBO subscriptions solely because of our adamant dislike of Larry Merchant.

I will finish by saying I was also impressed by the stories on Evander Holyfield and George Foreman and plan to subscribe to your magazine instead of searching through the newsstands.

DAN W. HOWARD
Sapulpa, Oklahoma

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO YOUR CRITICISM of the immortal Larry Merchant, (I'd like to say) it's about time someone started busting his chops. True, (Howard) Cosell was nauseating at times and a bit overdramatic, but he added a lot of excitement to the sport. All Larry Merchant means for HBO is an extra chance for TV viewers to exit to the bathroom. In the future, I'll pull my earplug when Larry comes on.

PAUL LAZZATI
Boring, MD

POLITICS POLLUTE PANAMANIAN PUGILISM

CAN A LIMEY MAKE A COMMENT IN your famous magazine? With the situation in Panama so tense just now, it was particularly opportune of you to publish James Dusgate's exposé, "Boxing On The Ropes In Panama," in your March '88 issue. What he writes about Tunon, Moran and dozens of other young hopefuls is all too true. When will the U.S. use her economic strength, even if not her military muscle, to strangle this corrupt regime? Only then can we hope to witness the emergence of another Roberto Duran.

SIMON WRIGHT
East Sussex, England

PRECISE PERSPECTIVE

FOR A BUSY COLLEGE STUDENT LIKE myself, it sure was a blessing that *The Ring* consolidated the ratings to the (eight) traditional classes. I can now follow the "manly art" with a more precise perspective.

Also, when are they gonna let Mike Weaver have a shot at Tyson? It's good to see him in your top 10. "Hercules" could make for an exciting few rounds!

JAMES MCGEE
Alameda, CA

FOREMAN: PRO AND CON

I HAD TO WRITE TO SAY THANKS TO *The Ring* for giving George Foreman front cover status (May '88). Your magazine is the only one to give the former champion this honor since he began his comeback. George would have had a long reign as heavyweight champion if Muhammad Ali had not been on the scene at the same time. As for the recent version of Big George, I have to say Marc Morrison's pictures of Foreman show him to be a little more than your average 243-pound Texas monster. Let's have more pictures and articles on George Foreman.

DAVID BOOTH
Ontario, Canada

IN THE MAY '88 ISSUE OF *THE RING* in the "Come Out Writing" section, reader Eddie Larkin wrote he wants a Foreman-Tyson fight. This is ridiculous! Does he want to get Foreman killed? George is too old and too fat. In no way does he look like the George Foreman who fought Joe Frazier. If Mr. Larkin wants a good fight, how about Larry Holmes vs. Foreman?

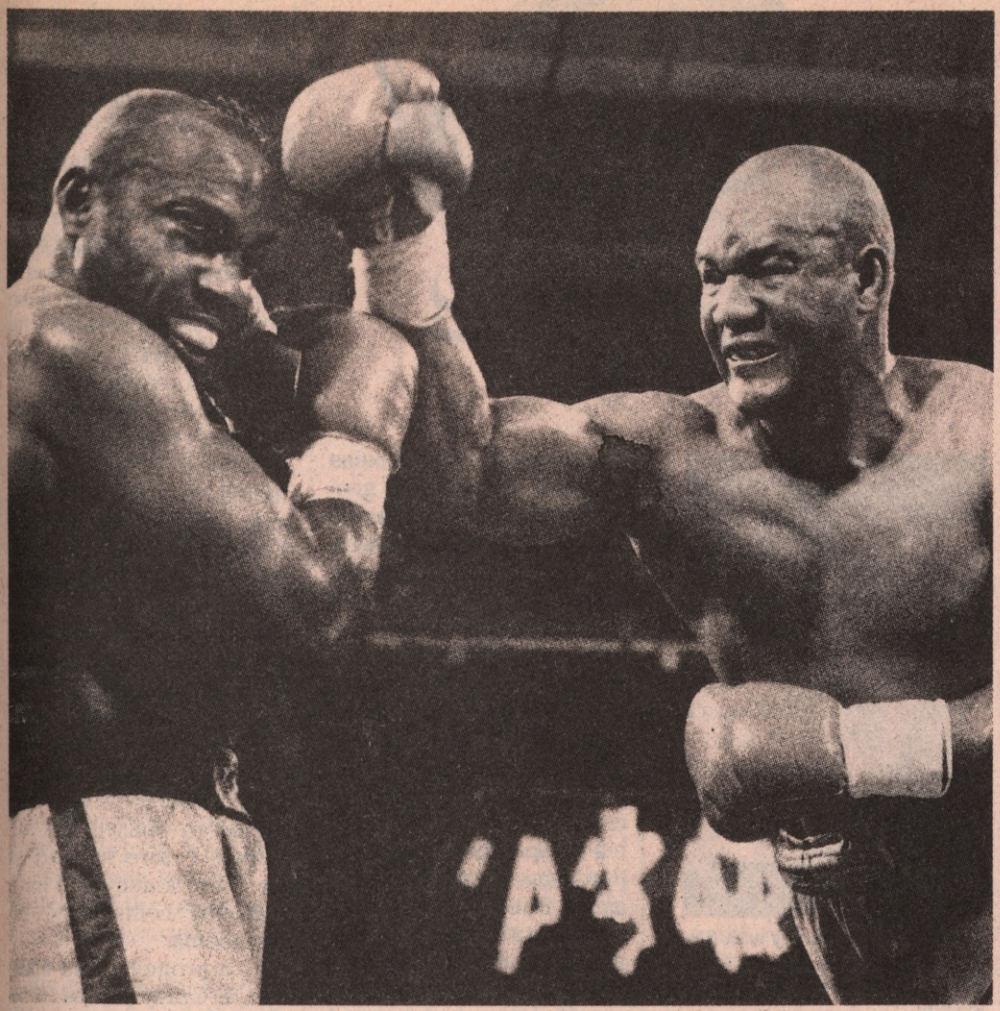
JOE KOVACS
Oregon, OH

PRAISE FOR GRANDPA

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORtunity to sing the praises of my grandpa, Ben Whitright of Kalispell, Montana, coach of the Flathead Boxing Club for the past 20 years. Men like my grandpa give so much of their time and talents teaching kids the sport (of boxing) and driving them all over the country for matches and tournaments. They also help keep a lot of kids off the streets and out of trouble by providing an outlet for their energies. And all this is done with no regard for personal gain. I am proud of my grandpa, his accomplishments and the role model he provided me as I grew up.

I have been exposed to boxing and *The Ring* for most of my 31 years and enjoy both very much.

BILL TYRRELL
Virginia Beach, VA



Some readers are enjoying George Foreman's comeback, others are not. Read "Foreman: Pro & Con" for details. Big George is pictured here bouncing a right off the top of Dwight Qawi's noggin en route to his eighth straight kayo on the comeback trail.

THE RING SPELLS S-A-N-I-T-Y

I LOVE YOUR CONSTANT SLAMMING of boxing's three governing bodies. It seems sanity comes only from the pages of *The Ring* and your outstanding senior writer, Joseph D'O'Brian. Though I have been a fan of boxing for many years, I know little about how these self-serving organizations came to power. Would it be possible to start a series of articles on the rise of these groups? Your magazine is one of three boxing publications I buy each month, yet *The Ring* is the deepest and most probing. Keep up the good work.

ROBERT SABATINI
Pacific Beach, CA

Editor's Note: For some lowdown on how the Alphabet Boys got their start, I suggest you read "1967: The Year We Got The Warning," by none other than Joseph D'O'Brian in the April '86 issue of THE RING.

READERS UP IN ARMS OVER STARLING-BRELAND VERDICT

I HAVE JUST WITNESSED YET ANOTHER tragic display of poor judging. Marlon Starling thoroughly whipped, beat and humiliated ex-golden boy Mark Breland. But the judges decided they can squeeze one more fight out of Breland's marquee value, so they give him a draw! It's like watching a ball game and then having the officials reverse the score at the end. One can only imagine the wheeling and dealing that goes on in smoke-filled back rooms.

PAUL GEREFFI
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

THE IRONY OF BOXING TODAY IS that even when I was totally biased for Ramirez against Whitaker and for Breland against Starling, I was unable to find one good reason for Ramirez's victory and Breland's draw. I have reached a point whereby I just sit back and enjoy good boxing and not worry about victories, defeats or the number of titles exchanging hands — in or out of the ring.

SAHSHI H. DAVE
Flushing, NY

INACTIVITY HURTS HAGLER

WHY DO YOU CONTINUE TO RATE Marvin Hagler so highly? He lost his last fight and that was nearly a year ago. *The Ring* should reward fighters who risk their high ratings and meet the best possible opponents, rather than those who rest on their laurels.

BRIAN MCDONOUGH
Quincy, MA

Editor's Note: We couldn't agree with you more, Mr. McDonough. That's why Hagler has fallen from No. 1 to No. 4 since his loss to Ray Leonard.

Round One

By Phill Marder

EXTRA, EXTRA LET'S SELL SOME PAPERS

It didn't take long.

Jim Jacobs hadn't even been laid to rest when reports started appearing in newspapers, particularly New York newspapers, that **Mike Tyson** was unhappy with his management and was ready to let his new wife, **Robin Givens,** and his old promoter, **Don King,** call the shots, while Jacobs' partner, **Bill Cayton,** would get the old heave-ho.

Sounds more like the old ho-hum.

The *expose* evidently stemmed from the fact that Tyson gave Givens power of attorney so that their purchase of a new home in Bernardsville, New Jersey, would not be jeopardized while Tyson was attending the funeral of Jacobs in Los Angeles.

Was Givens taking over? Was King or Cayton out or in? Great stuff, until the parties involved started replying.

"That was the day we were supposed to close on our house," Givens said. "We didn't want to risk any breach of contract, so Mike gave me power of attorney, which expired the 31st, just in case there was some problem in the closing. But the house is in Mike's name."

Said King, "They're all vicious, unmitigated lies. I have not approached Tyson to leave Bill Cayton. I have not approached Tyson's wife or Tyson's mother-in-law. Why would I try to steal a fighter that I already have?"

King also was quoted as saying, "It's idiotic and insane to say I'll take Mike Tyson from two honorable men. At an hour of crisis, when one of my beloved friends dies, I'm gonna' rush in?"

A young Sean O'Grady with his father Pat, who recently passed away after a colorful career in boxing.

Cayton, who is the first to admit he does not have the close personal relationship with Tyson that his former partner had, said, "I'm delighted Mike has a happy marriage and a beautiful and talented wife. I'm sure Mike's marriage and career will be well managed if Mike takes care of his career and Robin takes care of her career.

"Don will work with us on future promotions," Cayton added. "We have no other promoter in mind."

And does Tyson really have a change in management in mind?

According to Cayton, Tyson said, "You're my manager and you will be as long as I fight."

It's hard to even imagine Tyson being unhappy with the management of his career. After all, Jacobs and Cayton made him a multi-millionaire at the age of 21 and gained him recognition as the heavyweight champion of the world even before he met the man who had the rightful claim to the crown, **Michael Spinks.**

Perhaps the future will produce a split in the Tyson camp. But the reporting of a present riff appears to be just another attempt to sell a few more newspapers.

DOWN FOR THE COUNT

Maybe it's just my imagination, but it seems the last few months The Grim Reaper has been extremely rough on The Sweet Science.

Two more notables — **Willie Reddish** and **Pat O'Grady** — passed away recently.

Reddish died at the age of 75 in a Philadelphia nursing home. Though born in South Carolina, Reddish traveled to Philadelphia to make his name in boxing.

In a 60-fight, 10-year career as a heavyweight, Reddish met the likes of John Henry Lewis, Gus Dorazio and Jersey Joe Walcott. That he didn't win a championship is no matter. In those days, there was only one champion at a time.

After hanging up the gloves, Reddish became one of the city's most respected trainers, handling such stars as **Gil Turner, Sugar Hart, Sonny Liston, Gypsy Joe Harris** and **Curtis Parker.** He also helped youngsters in the amateurs and, in 1975, the PAL honored him for 30 years service as a volunteer, inducting him into its Hall of Fame. In 1980, he was inducted into the Pennsylvania Boxing Hall of Fame.

Until two years ago, Reddish operated the Reddish Athletic Club.

While Reddish preferred the soft-spoken approach, even as far as telling boxing writers who called him "Wildcat" to just "Call me Willie," O'Grady went to the other extreme to draw attention to himself and his fighters before he died at age 60 of kidney and liver problems complicated by pneumonia.

As a promoter and manager, O'Grady proved to be the stuff dime store novels are made of. But he also did a magnificent job guiding his son, Sean, to the WBA lightweight title in 1981.

Just four months later, Sean was stripped of his title when Pat rightfully refused to sign him for a defense against Claude Noel. Pat refused to knuckle under to the WBA, instead starting his own sanctioning organization, the World Athletic Association which, fortunately for boxing, never amounted to much. No wonder, Pat instantly installed his son as lightweight champion and his son-in-law, **Monte Masters,** as heavyweight champion of the world!

The latter produced a typical Pat O'Grady moment. When Masters' marriage to O'Grady's daughter fell

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apart, the WAA stripped him of his heavyweight title!

Though opposites in demeanor, both Reddish and O'Grady contributed greatly to the colorful history of boxing. They will be missed.

JOSE CAN YOU READ?

In response to comments made and written concerning the **Pernell Whitaker — Jose Luis Ramirez** robbery (excuse me, decision), the WBC has filed a lawsuit against Whitaker's managers **Shelly Finkel** and **Lou Duva,** Whitaker's promoter, **Dan Duva,** and *New York Post* boxing writer **Mike Marley** for "extremely serious allegations about the WBC, its president and the judges."

First of all, it's hard to imagine there could be anything serious said or written about the WBC, its president and its judges, but Marley has been accused of libel, while the other three have been accused of slander.

We didn't see Marley's article, but we heard the comments of the Duva camp which, in effect, indicated the Whitaker/Ramirez decision was fixed to assure Ramirez an all-Mexican WBA/WBC unification match against **Julio Cesar Chavez.**

The Ring has no proof that all was not on the up-and-up, but the decision was so ridiculous it's easy to understand the reaction from Whitaker's team and Marley.

If the case ever makes it to court — which is doubtful — here's hoping someone can come up with some concrete evidence to put the WBC where it belongs — out of business.

TOLD YA' SO

Several months back, this column asked readers how long they thought it would take for one of boxing's governing bodies to strip **Mike Tyson** of his heavyweight title.

It hasn't happened yet, but the IBF, the same organization that was so quick to pull the plug on **Michael Spinks**, did some threatening when Tyson prepared to meet **Tony Tubbs** in Japan.

That group indicated it would strip Tyson if he did not wear that group's belt into the ring for his fight with Tubbs, then, smartly, backed down. Now there's a reason to take away a heavyweight title! Tyson should be thankful he didn't marry **Bob Lee's** daughter!

Meanwhile, the IBF continues to rank **Trevor Berbick** as its No. 1 contender for Tyson's crown and continues to insist on 15-round title matches. And Tyson continues to fight 12-rounders and, last heard, thankfully has no immediate plans to beat up Berbick again. So how long will Tyson remain IBF champ?

And isn't it curious that Spinks, who was unrated by all three so-called governing bodies, remained inactive for a year, but suddenly began popping up in the ratings right before his match with Tyson?

It's enough to make you barf!

WALLAU HONORED

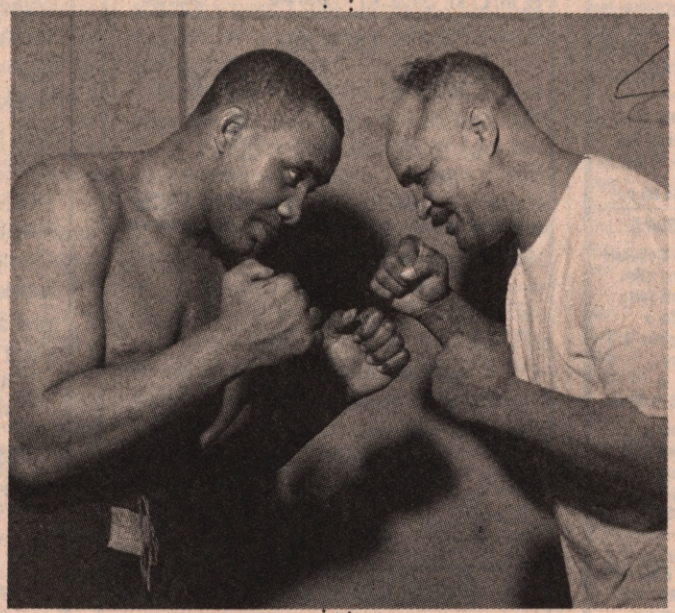
The Boxing Writers Association of America recently presented ABC's **Alex Wallau** with the Sam Taub Award for his excellent work as a television analyst.

As Wallace Matthews of New York's *Newsday* pointed out, it is an award given on merit, not sympathy.

Wallau continues to work, despite an ongoing battle with throat cancer. In an excellent story by Kevin Mulligan in *The Philadelphia Daily News*, Wallau provided inspiration for all those suffering hard times.

"I never asked, 'Why me?' because I understand why me," Wallau told Mulligan. "I've led a very lucky life. I've been blessed with a great marriage, a great group of friends and a career that has fallen into place by itself. I've had a real easy, fun life, and I've always believed that things even out in life. The way I look at it is, there's no reason I should escape difficulty in life. I've been very blessed. I see this as being my turn right now.

"I decided shortly after I knew what I had that I was going to make the best of it," added Wallau. "Whether it's two years, two weeks or 20 years, I'm going to have as good a time as I possibly can. It won't be the good time I once enjoyed, I know that. But I can handle that, and am handling it."



PUNCH LINES

On a recent USA network telecast, **Al Albert** asked color man **Sean O'Grady**, "On any given night, Sean, who has the advantage, a boxer versus a puncher?"

O'Grady replied, "I would say that a boxer/puncher does."

Not missing a beat, Albert turned to the camera and said, "Dancing out of that one, folks!" □

The late Willie Reddish (right) squares off with pupil Sonny Liston. Though Reddish is best remembered for training Liston, Gypsy Joe Harris, Gil Turner and others, he was also a fine heavyweight in his younger days.

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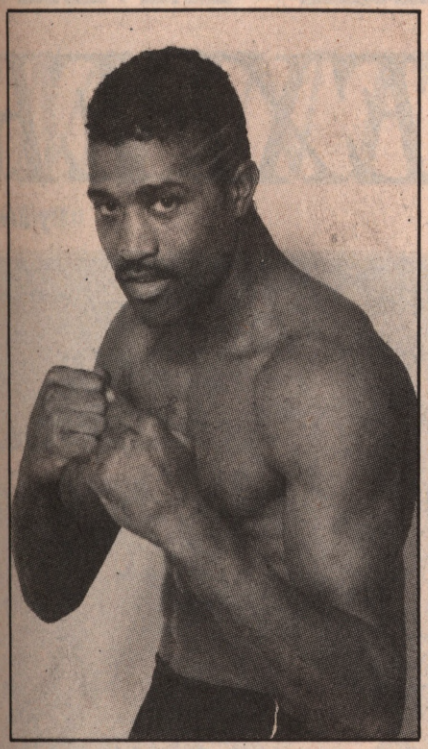
ROYAN HAMMOND



THE SPORT OF PRIZEFIGHTING IS strictly a working class occupation, and it's hard work, — just ask someone like middleweight Royan Hammond. Undefeated in 16 professional bouts, the 25-year-old Hammond is paying a fighter's dues and waiting to earn something back for his labor. After four years of fighting for pay, Hammond is finally receiving some recognition.

In March of this year, Hammond beat world class Luis Santana at Las Vegas in easily the best win of his career. An underdog going into the bout, Hammond overcame a cautious start and a shaky fourth round to outbox and outfinesse the more experienced Santana down the stretch. Having been listed in the downside of the ratings, Hammond finally has something better to look forward to.

"I started out as just another guy on the undercard," Hammond said. "I never had anything handed to me. At first I was just fighting four-rounders and I was happy to have some friends cheering for me. I was just another prelim fighter."

Born in Oakland, California, now living in Vallejo, Hammond had 86 amateur bouts, winning 82, numerous regional titles and seven out of eight international contests. However impressive the statistics, Royan has paid for his food and rent, toiling as a bricklayer from nine in the morning till five in the afternoon for the past three years.

One of eight children raised by their mother in a world where heroes were few and far between, and usually on a playing field, hope came to Hammond when he became interested in sports at an early age. He learned about fistfighting from watching two of his older brothers get into scuffles on the streets. In 1974 Royan heard a radio broadcast of the Ali-Foreman title bout.

"Ali was a big hero to every kid in the neighborhood," he recalled. "He was special. I looked up to him. After he beat George Foreman I remember riding my bicycle up and down the streets where I lived, yelling "ALI! ALI! ALI!." It was after that when I started going into the gym."

Managed by Linda Hudson, Royan receives his training from former light heavyweight contender Terry Lee. In a press release he's called "DESTROYAN" Royan, and while it may be a catchy phrase, Hammond understands boxing and knows about hard work. There are some days he feels like sleeping late, getting up after dawn and not having to do roadwork. The world is filled with parties and everywhere there are dreamers who stayed out too late at night.

"I consider myself a boxer-puncher," Royan said. "The thing about boxing that I love is that you only have yourself to blame for what you do. When I was in the Little League sometimes I'd get mad at my teammates because I expected them to work harder. Boxing is very different from other sports. You're all alone in boxing, and if you make a mistake you only have yourself to blame. There's no teammates, no one to blame. You're in control. What you do wrong or what you do right is completely up to you."

Lee doesn't think about his own boxing career that ended back in the 70s. He loves the fight game and believes in Hammond, though sometimes there is concern about Hammond's love of basketball and his hell-bent style of play. In 16 bouts Hammond has fought in 10 different towns and he's deserving of a lot more than a damaged knee.

"I think of fighters like Marvin Hagler and Aaron Pryor," Hammond said more than once. "Guys that never got anything for free. They're fighters I can relate to. Sometimes when a kid asks me about getting into boxing I can't help but think about how much you can learn from the sport. Having a goal, being able to put your mind to something, having to train. When I hear people put down boxing I think that there may be some point in what they say, but they don't really know anything about boxing. If you're an outsider what can you really know? I've been in it since I was a kid. A world title is what I want." □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF ROYAN HAMMOND

Vallejo, California middleweight
Born: December 31, 1961
Amateur Record: 82-4 with 26 KOs
Height: 5 ft. 11 in.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1984		
Sept. 15	Tommy Richardson	Vallejo	W 4
	1985		
Feb. 23	Clinton Reymus	Carson City	W 4
May 7	Leo Oliver	Richmond	KO 2
Aug. 15	Jimmy Johnson	Sacramento	KO 3
Oct. 3	Caleb Ramos	Vallejo	W 5
Nov. 2	Wayne Scranton	San Francisco	KO 2
Nov. 16	John Borman	Carson City	KO 4
	1986		
Mar. 3	Ricky Locke	San Jose	W 8
July 24	Ken Watson	San Carlos	KO 3
Aug. 14	Gilberto Baptist	Vallejo	W 6
Sept. 25	Reinaldo Hernandez	New York City	W 8
	1987		
June 5	Ricky Locke	Pleasanton	W 8
July 24	Milford Kemp	Las Vegas	W 8
Nov. 11	Tyrone Jones	Pleasanton	KO 1
	1988		
Jan. 23	Charles Allen	Pleasanton	KO 8
Mar. 12	Luis Santana	Las Vegas	W 10

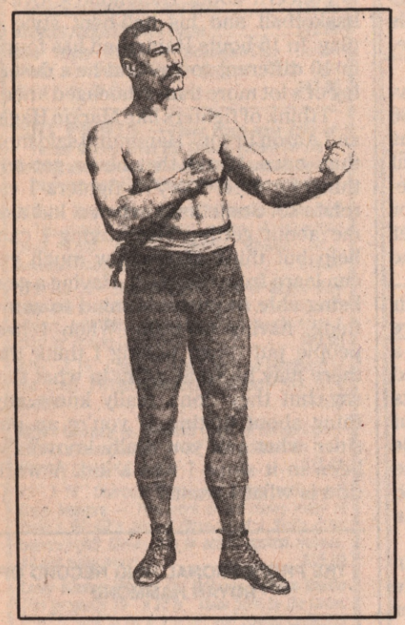
SUMMARY

BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
16	16	0	0	7

SPECULATIONS ON THE IMPOSSIBLE EXPERIMENT

By Joseph D'O'Brian

John L. Sullivan's career spanned the change from bare knuckles to gloves, and included bouts under both London Prize Ring and Queensberry Rules.



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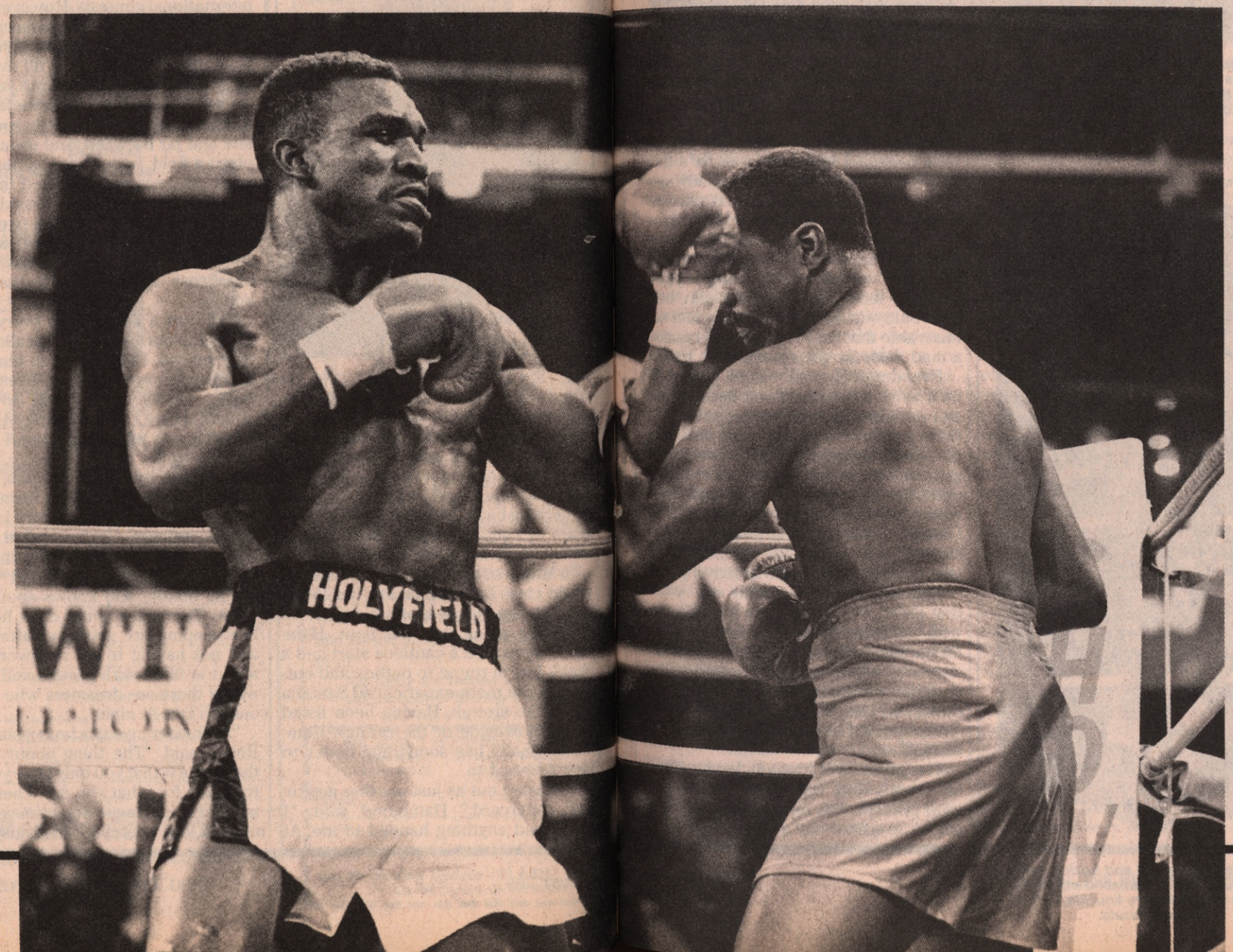
I BELIEVE I MENTIONED, IN ONE OF MY recent articles, that several boxing people who know what they're talking about have suggested that in order to reduce serious injuries in boxing, we should go back to bare-knuckle rules. They figure this would discourage people from busting their hands by hitting the other guy too hard, and would eliminate brain injuries due to the fact that the power of a bare-fisted punch is more localized.

As I said back then, I'm reluctant to advocate a return to bare-knuckle boxing for various reasons. But I'm forced to admit that it's a fun idea to play around with. Think about it: What would boxing look like if we were suddenly to revert to the London Prize Ring Rules? How would Mike Tyson or Thomas Hearns or Ray Leonard or Hector Camacho stack up if he had to box with bare fists, under rules that permit wrestling and running, in a finish fight?



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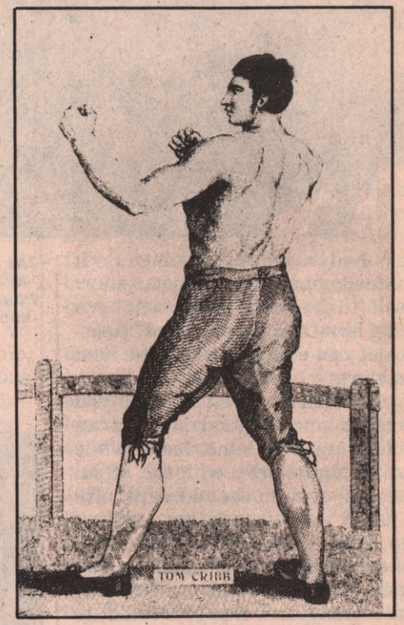
How would Evander Holyfield (pictured on the left en route to a knockout over Carlos DeLeon) have done if he had fought as a bare-knuckler under London Prize Ring Rules? THE RING'S Joe D'O'Brian discusses this and other intriguing questions in "Speculation On The Impossible Experiment."

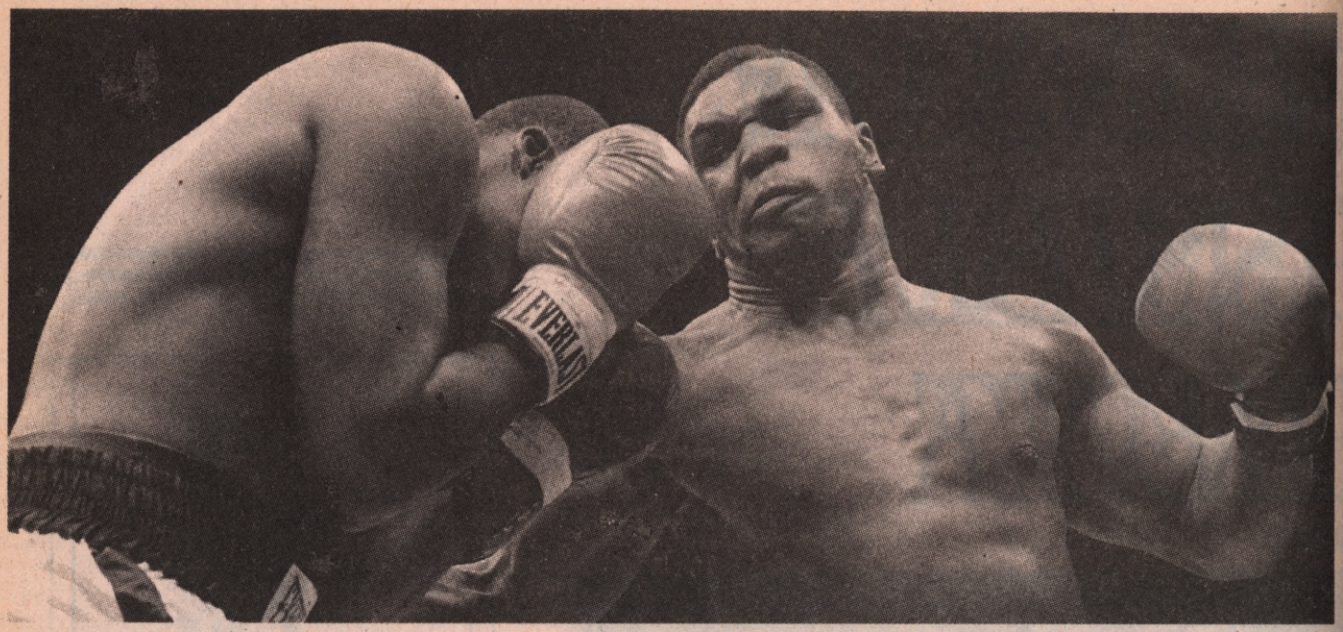
Tom Cribb was a rough-and-tumble Marciano type with a lot of heart who wouldn't tolerate defeat. He probably would have done well in any era.



Another good question is, how closely would bare-knuckle boxing as performed today resemble the sport as it existed 100 years ago? Just how many of the innovations in ring strategy and tactics that we've seen since then would be applicable to the bare-knuckle version of the game?

After all, bare-knuckle boxing was a considerably more "free-form" sport than boxing has become under the Queensbury rules. Wrestling above the waist is permitted in the London Prize Ring Rules, for instance: You can throw your opponent to the ground, even toss him over your shoulder and maybe accidentally on purpose fall on top of him with an elbow in his spleen.

There's no time limit, either: A round ends when one or both fighters go down, so a round could last anywhere from one second to all night. And it doesn't matter how many times you're knocked down: since this is a finish



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fight, nobody's awarding points. So if you're feeling a bit tired, you can allow yourself to be knocked down by a glancing blow and get a rest (of 30 seconds, not one minute) before the next round starts.

Or you could do the opposite: If you tag your opponent a good one, you can hold him up with one hand while pounding him to jelly with the other. (Of course, even in the old days, officials had a way of declaring a fighter "down," thus ending the round, if his opponent had him in this situation, and I suspect that that would be a common practice today, too. But you could do considerable damage before the round was deemed ended.)

There are some fighters today who anyone can see would be terrific bare-knuckle boxers. Tyson is one. He's probably the strongest fighter around today, and with his short, squat build he'd be almost impossible to wrestle with. And just think for a second about how one of his punches would feel if there were no glove between it and your face.

Under today's rules, I suspect the only way Tyson could be beaten is for his opponent to outbox him and frustrate him until the final bell; I can't imagine anyone beating Tyson in a finish fight. His opponent might be able to run and frustrate him, but sooner or later he'd have to fight a little, and at that point he could kiss goodbye to his teeth, his ribs and various internal organs. The only guy who'd have any chance at all with Tyson in a bare-knuckle bout would be the guy who could hit accurately enough to close both Tyson's eyes in the opening minutes.

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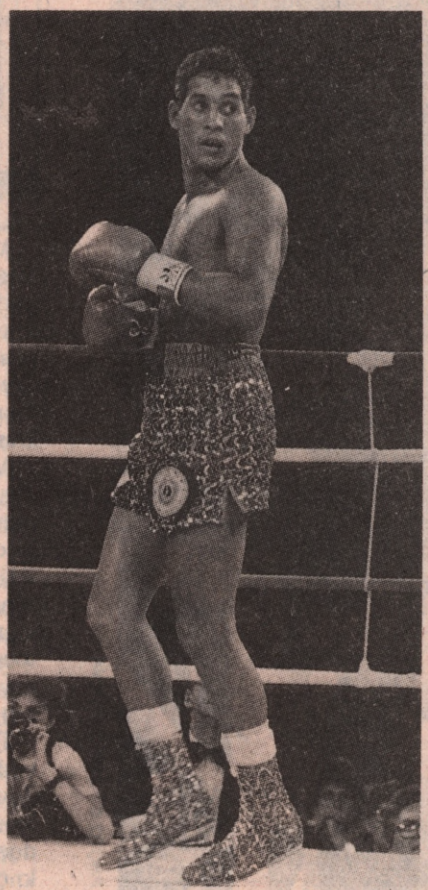


Hearns would probably do pretty well as a bare-knuckler, too. He's tall and well-coordinated, and he's always done well in clinches for that reason. He's got the kind of punch that hurts and splits eyebrows. His hands are not the most durable in the game, so he probably wouldn't beat many opponents by hitting them on the chin, but he would win by making them feel so miserable that they'd give in and make a mad dash for the epsom salts bath.

Evander Holyfield would probably be a helluva bare-knuckler because he can do just about everything, and he's fairly smart. He'd probably get the hang of bare-knuckle boxing before most guys did. He seems to have more heart than the average guy, too, and that would be especially important in that I imagine bare-knuckle boxing is considerably more painful (if ultimately less damaging) than glove fighting.

Camacho would probably not be all that great. He'd mess up a lot of faces with his hand speed, but he wouldn't hit hard enough to actually knock anyone out, and ultimately his tougher opponents would be able to wear him down and start banging him up a little. At that point, Hector might find himself disinclined for further action.

The problem is, though, he'd probably keep going. Camacho's a bit of a jerk, perhaps, but he has never struck me as a quitter. In a finish fight, he

Despite his great speed and boxing skills, light-punching Hector Camacho would have been in big trouble in bare-knuckle, fight-to-the-finish bouts.

might keep going when surrendering would make more sense, and he might end up very badly injured indeed.

That's one of the problems with bare-knuckle boxing, of course. In the old days, officials weren't allowed to stop fights (rounds, yes, but not fights) for any reason save disqualification. Such a procedure probably wouldn't be tolerated today, but there probably would have to be fewer stoppages by the referee than there are under Queensberry rules; at any rate, they would have to be handled somewhat differently.

It wouldn't be quite right for a referee to stop a bare-knuckle match when a fighter was in trouble: The only fair procedure would be to give him the 30-second rest to which he's entitled, and then see how he looks when his seconds have finished working on him. Since the advantage always did have a way of shifting quickly in bare-knuckle bouts, the referee couldn't be too terribly capricious about stopping matters. But he'd have to be sure not to wait too long. A fighter's seconds might be able to get him to look okay, but that's no guarantee of how he'll look when they've left the ring.

(By the way, I think that if we were indeed to return to bare-knuckle rules, we should keep the modern procedure of having one referee in the ring at all times, rather than the old bare-knuckle system of having two umpires sitting outside the ring, who would choose a referee from among the spectators on an *ad hoc* basis if they disagreed on a ruling. That would get very unwieldy with today's enormous crowds.)

Going back to bare-knuckle rules might also lead to the ascendancy of fighters who aren't much good under Queensberry rules. The Queensberry rules tend to give an advantage to taller, slimmer men, since these rules put more of a premium on speed and accurate punching. Shorter, bulkier men might do better, generally, as bare-knucklers.

The ones who'd gain the greatest advantage, though, would be those who were shorter, bulkier and *smarter*. See, bare-knuckle boxing didn't evolve a whole lot during the 200 years or so of its peak popularity. For most of that time, it was almost entirely a British sport; even in the United States its popularity was limited until the 1850s or thereabouts. And since boxing was so insular, it didn't borrow any techniques from other cultures or other sports.

Now, that insularity wouldn't be possible. Virtually every culture in the world is in some sort of communication with every other culture; we have learned and borrowed from each other to a tremendous extent. By its nature, Queensberry-rules boxing is limited as to the innovations it can accept. But bare-knuckle boxing, being, as I said, more free-form, could incorporate an awful lot of changes.

Within the rules, one could introduce elements of various Oriental martial arts, for instance, such as *judo*, *aikido*, *tae kwon do* and *t'ai ch'i*. It's even conceivable that *karate* blows would be useful, unless they were specifically forbidden by a new rule. It's possible, therefore, that boxing could come to be dominated by Oriental martial artists, rather than wrestlers and boxers, in which case the sport would no longer be boxing.

Some folks might like the idea of a match between, say, a boxer and an *aikido* expert, each at his own game, but I would have strong reservations about such an exhibition. Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Johnson and Muhammad Ali each engaged in well-publicized matches with wrestlers, and each time the show was a dud. There's no reason to suspect that there would be any greater synthesis between a boxer and a practitioner of some other discipline.

So, clearly, if we were to revert to bare-knuckle boxing, a radical revision of the London Prize Ring Rules would have to be undertaken. Blows with anything other than a closed fist would have to be outlawed, and just about all wrestling or *judo* maneuvers would have to be closely reviewed before being allowed.

But even at that, I imagine that most fighters would have to go to school for quite a long time before they became adept at bare-knuckle boxing. And can you imagine what some of the old-time bare-knucklers would have to go through if they were brought back from the dead to participate in the sport again?

That last question brings up a point that's totally frivolous, but which is nonetheless worth considering if your mind runs to trivialities. That is, how would some of the great bare-knucklers fare if they were brought back today to fight with gloves under the Queensberry Rules?

There were, of course, several boxers whose careers spanned the change from bare knuckles to gloves. John L. Sullivan fought both ways; so did Jem Mace, Charlie Mitchell and the original Jack Dempsey. Sullivan preferred the Queensberry rules, since his opponent had to stand up to him in a glove fight; Mitchell preferred bare knuckles because he was a superb wrestler but an indifferent boxer. But how about the guys who never had a chance to try it both ways?

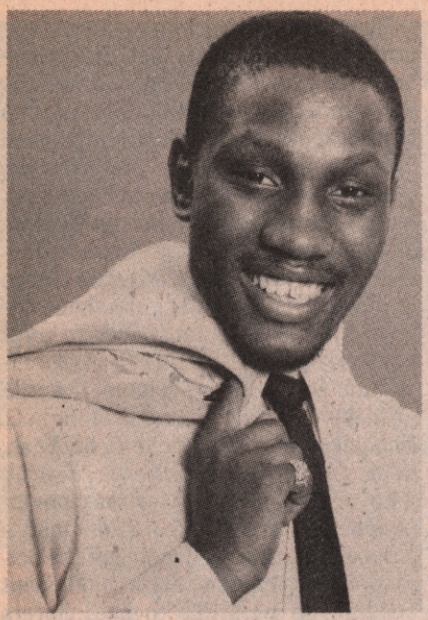
Tom Sayers, for instance, would probably have cleaned John C. Heenan's clock in a glove fight. Yeah, he was outweighed, but he was a stylist with a big punch, a classic boxer-puncher, while Heenan was just a palooka. Heenan somehow got the better of Sayers in their bare-knuckle bout because he was able to hold Sayers down and choke him or pound on his face; in a glove fight, Sayers would have cut him up, exhausted him, and might have taken him out entirely.

Dan Mendoza would have been a damn good glove fighter too, because he was so adaptable. He was a natural athlete, a fast runner; he could handle himself with a club or a sword as well as with his fists. He was also a middleweight who usually fought heavies. Just think of what he'd do today against men his own size.

Tom Cribb would have been okay, too. He was not a craftsman like Mendoza; he was more of a rough-and-tumble Marciano type. But he was, by all accounts, fairly intelligent. He'd have learned fast and put his learning to the best use; he'd have had to, because he was a guy with a lot of heart who wouldn't tolerate defeat. He did what he had to do to win.

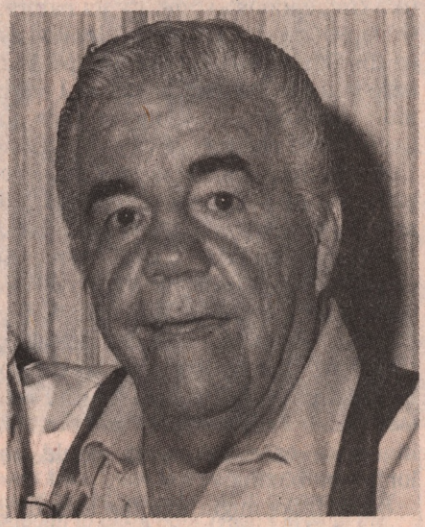
Of course, that's the type of guy who always makes it in boxing, with or without gloves: The guy who just does what needs doing. And that being the case, I wonder if it might not be okay to stage one or two bare-knuckle bouts, on a purely experimental basis, using fighters who have proven their quality and their desire. Let them see how they adapt to the old-fashioned rules and let us see what the old sport was really like. Chances are it won't be much, and we can go back to what we're used to, pleased with ourselves for having progressed from the bad old days.

But maybe not. Maybe it's worth a try. At least that way we'd know for sure. □



Lightweight contender Pernell Whitaker looks happy enough in this photo, but the shafting he received from two of the three judges in his bout with WBC titleholder Jose Luis Ramirez quickly wiped the smile off his face.

Lou Duva, who claimed the Ramirez-Whitaker decision was a conspiracy, is one of four people named in a lawsuit filed by the WBC in the aftermath of the controversial lightweight title bout in Paris.



ARE BAD DECISION

Boxing judge Harold Lederman thinks full-time judges are the answer to some of the problems related to bad decisions. Like all boxing judges, Lederman is forced to supplement his boxing earnings by working another job.

MOST OF US HAVE SEEN LOU DUVA freak out before. In fact, the sight of his bulldog features contorted in rage has become as much a part of boxing as Don King's hair and Mike Tyson's muscles. While Lou's histrionics on behalf of his boxers often border on the burlesque, few would question the sincerity of his nationally televised tantrum following the Jose Luis Ramirez-Pernell Whitaker bout in Paris this March. That Whitaker was deprived of the WBC lightweight title by a ghastly decision is undeniable. To what extent boxing has been damaged by this and other highly questionable rulings of recent vintage, remains an unresolved question.

Of course, bad decisions are nothing new. They are part and parcel of boxing lore, a focal point for many of the sport's enduring debates: Did Joe Louis receive a gift in his first bout with Jersey Joe Walcott; was Floyd Patterson outrageously shafted by referee Harold Valan in his 1968 match with Jimmy Ellis; did Willie Pastrano come close to deserving the nod which won him the light heavyweight title over Harold Johnson? And what about the Leonard-Hagler clash last year? Did Sugar Ray really win, or were two of the judges blinded by the dazzling brilliance of Leonard's persona? The list, and the controversy, goes on and on.

"There will always be controversial decisions because you're dealing with the human element," said Angelo Dundee, who, along with Don Chevrier, provided ABC-TV's commentary for the Ramirez-Whitaker bout. "I thought Whitaker won. The other guy was missing. But thank God I'm not a judge. It's all in the eye of the beholder."

Maybe, maybe not!

One of the most intriguing questions concerning bad decisions is whether the majority of them are honest mistakes or outright frauds.

"I don't know about any hanky-panky," said Dundee of the Ramirez-Whitaker bout. "All I know is Whitaker won the fight."

Al Bernstein, ESPN's resident boxing expert, has seen a lot of lousy verdicts over the years and thinks there is a "50-50" split between incompetence and dishonesty.

"These (highly questionable decisions) make people very suspicious. They start to think that boxing isn't really a sport, but more like some sort of weird exhibition," Bernstein told *The Ring*. "Dishonesty goes on at every level, but is almost impossible to prove.

"(Incompetent) judges don't seem to be paying attention to what's going on in the ring," continued Bernstein. "They let their personal preferences get in the way. A judge may like a fighter's aggressiveness or classy style. But that's not what they are getting paid for. Some judges just don't understand the winner is the guy who lands the most punches, not the guy whose particular style they like."

Harold Lederman has been judging pro fights for 20 years, and although he feels "Whitaker was the easy winner," he is nowhere near as cynical as Bernstein.

"I totally disregard dishonesty. The only decision I ever really suspected was the Alfredo Escalera-Tyrone Everett fight at the Philadelphia Spec-

trum in 1976," Lederman said.

Surprisingly, under the current circumstances, Lou Duva's sentiments lean toward the theory of misguided judgment rather than blatant larceny.

"Fight judges are only dishonest in rare cases. Most of them just don't know what they are doing," said Duva.

Ironically, Mark Breland, another member of the Duva camp, was the benefactor of a questionable call when he received a draw in his rematch with Marlon Starling. Often in these instances, it is clearly a matter of whose ox is being gored.

"That one could have gone either way," Duva said in reference to the Starling-Breland verdict. "It was a matter of a difference of opinion. I thought they were both losers. It looked like a Golden Gloves fight to me."

However, in the Ramirez-Whitaker case, Duva is sure something much more sinister than shoddy scoring was at work. He contends the decision was rigged so Ramirez would be sure to face Julio Cesar Chavez in a lightweight unification match promoted by King, who has no promotional ties with Whitaker and stood to lose a major match should Whitaker have won.

"It was a conspiracy," stated Duva in no uncertain terms.

Outspoken reaction from Duva and other members of the Whitaker camp has resulted in legal action. The WBC has filed a lawsuit in federal court against Duva, his son, promoter Dan Duva, Whitaker's co-manager Shelly Finkel and Mike Marley, boxing writer for the *New York Post*. Marley is accused of libel for his coverage of the bout and its aftermath, while the other three are charged with slander for making "extremely serious allegations about the WBC, its president (Jose Sulaiman) and the judges."

At press time, the Duvas and Finkel had yet to decide whether or not they would file a countersuit and were still mulling other legal options. Often cases such as these are settled out of court, but it might be good for boxing if this one received a full public airing. *The Ring* would definitely welcome one. But regardless of the legal ramifications, Ramirez-Whitaker will surely not be the last time a terribly wrong decision is rendered. Could the public and TV networks eventually become totally disgusted and desert boxing altogether?

"If it becomes an epidemic, that might be the ultimate result," said David Downs, director of programming for ABC-TV Sports. "The number of letters and calls we received (concerning the Ramirez-Whitaker decision) were surprisingly few, but the strength of them made me think a number of people were upset."

"People call ESPN when there is a bad decision and threaten to cancel (their cable TV subscriptions)," echoed Bernstein. "I don't know if they ever go through with it, but ultimately, it will affect the sport."

Lou Duva couldn't agree more.

"Bad decisions excite the public," said Duva. "They get the opinion boxing is crooked."

The possibility of "fixed" fights involving the participation of one or more of the boxers has long been a cross boxing has had to bear. However, in recent decades this problem has become more a subject for movies and cheap fiction than a genuine concern for lovers of the sweet science. Today, the critical issue is not so much what goes on inside the ropes, but what goes down when ringside officials mark their scorecards.

Las Vegas judges, in particular, get a lot of flak from everyone from Larry Holmes to Marvelous Marvin Hagler. It's not always deserved, but frequently is.

"In Las Vegas, all you can do is pray," said Duva.

"The problem is that there is no penalty for cheating," insisted promoter Fred Berns, who was incensed when he learned two Vegas judges had Robin Blake ahead on their scorecards when Berns' protege Harold Brazier TKO'd Blake in the ninth round a week prior to Whitaker's screwing. "I'm prone to violence and stay away from fights where I think one of our guys is going to get ripped off. But maybe if some of these cheats got their ass kicked, they'd think twice before doing it again."

Lederman, who has worked close to 60 title fights and is HBO's "official unofficial" scorekeeper, thinks he has a more civilized answer to the problem.

"I think they should make judging boxing matches a full-time job," said Lederman. "They should select the top 10 or 20 judges — divide it up geographically — and let them work all the top fights regardless of which governing body is sanctioning the bout. That way we could eliminate politics and monitor the quality of the judges."

Sounds good in theory, Harold, but it would take a miracle to get the Alphabet Boys to agree on the pool of top judges. And who's to say they'd pick the right guys, anyway? Eliminate politics? Not without eliminating the Alphabet Boys, you won't. It was Lederman himself who brought to our attention the fact that his judging assignments had fallen off "tremendously" since he began working for HBO. And he's a walking advertisement for a competent, honest judge. Once again it seems the Alphabet Boys are going out of their way to make themselves look foolish ... or worse.

Seldom is the pen mightier than the sword as when judging a prize fight. I don't know if there are any workable remedies for abuses, but judging by the mail we receive here at *The Ring*, the fans are hissed. So are a lot of fighters and their handlers who only wish they could count on a square deal. But in boxing, as Teddy Brenner likes to say, "only the ring is square."

Perhaps the best we can hope for is that this recent rash of bum calls is like an exotic strain of flu. It makes you feel like hell for awhile, but you finally emerge, stronger and better prepared to fight off the disease in the future. □

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By Nigel Collins

Roberto Duran (wearing hat) is seen chatting with author James Dusgate and his wife Teresa Dusgate during a lull in the action at recent fight card in Panama City. On the far left is Panamanian boxing writer Alfonso Castillio.

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PANAMA REVISITED

by James Dusgate

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THIS WAS MY FIRST INCURSION INTO Panama since the publication of an article of mine, "Panamanian Boxing on the Ropes" *(The Ring*, March, '88) and I received prior warning by phone that I might have problems. Compounding the situation was the state of near-anarchy into which the country had descended due to the political crisis. So as I stepped off the bus in Panama City I wasn't surprised to find my body tensing involuntarily, until the scorching heat, burning on my face and arms, cleared my head. I squinted at the strong sunlight.

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DAY TWO

The bright sunlight streaming into my room woke me early for my second day in Panama City. An invigorating cold shower, light breakfast and I was off to the Marañon Gym again. There are few people around in the early morning which can actually be an advantage. Douglas filled me in on a little Panamanian boxing history.

"It got started in Panama around 1910 when the Canal was finished. They had brought the blacks here from Barbados, Jamaica and other islands. They were British subjects who spoke English and three generations later their descendents still do. So a lot of Cubans and blacks stayed on and started fighting U.S. seamen in bars and theaters — even bull-rings. As time went on the sport became popular — but always professional. Fighters needed the money, though purses were small and betting on fights was a big factor."

I soon spotted another senior citizen — dean of promoters José Luis Torres. Now 72, he has been involved in boxing over 40 years. During the golden era he brought the very best fighters here — Sugar Ramos, Davey Moore, Dan Calcagro, Juan Zorita and Sandy Sadler. He also promoted the nation's greatest idol, Young Finnegan, the "Black Panther," a terrific puncher with either hand. Win or lose Finnegan was a great crowd-puller. A native of Colon, when he fought in Panama City they had to lay on extra trains for the fans. Sadly, Finnegan became another boxing casualty: shortly after retiring he fell victim to mental illness. In fact, he finally ended up in a mental hospital (where he spent 15 years) until his death a year or so ago. It's a sobering reminder to us all that the fighters we so love to watch beat each other to a standstill often pay a very high price for their days of glory.

The next famous character I spotted was Ramón Dossman, the ace trainer who looks like Picasso's twin. He is currently training yet another world titleholder — flyweight Fidel Bassa from Barranquilla, Colombia. Dossman is practically a boxing institution after 30 years in the fight game. The only Panamanian to make foreigners world champions (Alexis Arguello, Eddie Gazo and now Bassa), he also trained Ismael Laguna, taking him from the amateurs to the world title. In between, Dossman also made 21 national pro champions.

Eusebio Pedroza greets one of his many fans at the Marañon Gym. The former world featherweight champion has managed to hang onto most of his ring earnings and now lives in a good residential area of Panama City.

Arguello signed to fight Ernesto Marcel here in Panama. Marcel decisioned him in a tough duel and Arguello's manager Ed Roman asked the boxing commission to recommend a good trainer. They all agreed Ramón "Curro" Dossman was first choice. The day after the championship fight Román looked him up and signed a one-year contract at the Hotel Panama.

Within six months Arguello was world champ. After that Dossman defended the title with Arguello twice before the contract ran out. Arguello wanted to renew it with a 10 percent cut but Román refused the deal.

Dossman returned to Panama but it wasn't long before Eddie Gazo's manager sent for him. While training Gazo, Dossman took Toro Coronado from Nicaragua and "made him so well to win nine fights in a row by KO. In the 10th fight Toro fought Rafael Ortega (Panama) and they robbed me of that fight. That's why I always say I made five world champs because they robbed me with Amaya and then Toro." (Amaya fought Hirochi Kobayachi twice in Tokyo.

DON CARLOS SPEAKS

Spaniard Carlos Eleta is a 67-year-old unpretentious multimillionaire who mingles happily with the ordinary man-in-the-street. He was also the man who discovered Roberto Durán and masterminded his entry into greatness, making him world lightweight kingpin. Roberto became the pride of Panama and when he entered the ring to defend one of his titles, the whole isthmus held its breath.

Before I left Panama, I thought I'd take advantage of the opportunity and see if I couldn't wangle an interview with Don Carlos, a man noted in the past for being tight-lipped, especially regarding Durán. The man who made my meeting with Eleta a reality was Alfonso Castillo, a diminutive, bespectacled ex-jockey who also happens to be Panama's top boxing writer and the man who gave Durán his nickname "Manos de Piedra" (Hands of Stone).

Don Carlos kindly agreed to meet me for lunch at a seafood restaurant in the plush banking area of Panama City. Outside I could hear shouting and sirens — the alarming sounds accompanying the country's current upheavals.

Upon arrival, Don Carlos came over

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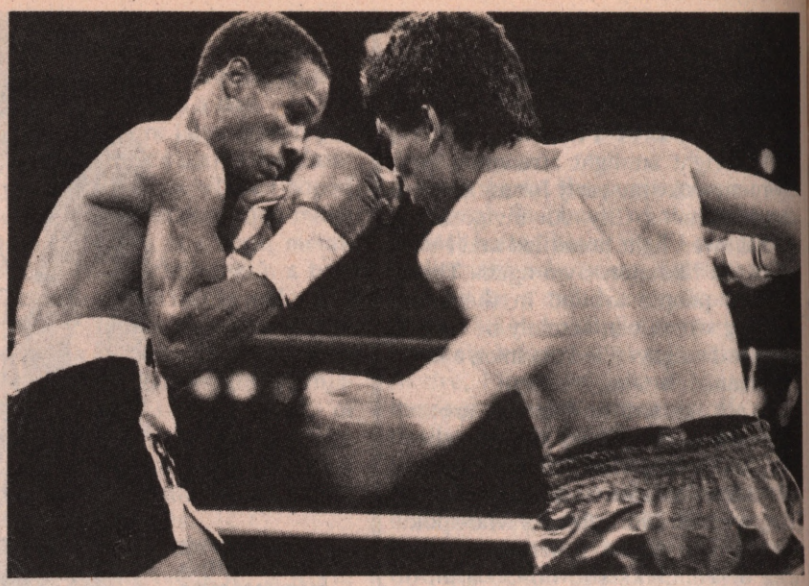


Like many Panamanian prospects, lightweight Rodolfo Aguilar (left) was thrown in over his head and took a thrashing from Julio Cesar Chavez in a premature try for the WBA 135-pound title.

to our table and greeted us with a polite, "Now, Sir, what can I do to help you?" Though no longer considered a virtue, Mr. Eleta has what can only be described as "good breeding," something as uncommon in the boxing world as it is outside it. I was immediately struck by this air of nobility of Eleta's, so much so that I was left with the lasting impression that it would be impossible for him to pretend, or deliver a lie. Of course, proving — or even testing — such a hypothesis would be nigh impossible, but to be fair to the man I must at least include the notion.

Having little time, and no desire to beat around the bush, my first question to Don Carlos was concerning Durán, and specifically, about witches. Now that may seem more than a little strange to readers in the US or UK, but Mr. Eleta took it in his stride for he knew what I was talking about. Witches have dominated Duran's life for some time, and also those of his mother, Clara Samariego, and his wife, Felicidad. In Latin America, generally, they exert a strong influence over many people, not only the gullible or naive. I have recorded Eleta's comments pretty much word for word, in his broken English:

"Durán was fighting Esteban De Jesús in Las Vegas when the TV lights were put in one of the corners ... so I chose the opposite corner ... then one of his witches told me to change corners, to put him in the corner where the TV lights were. The lights were as hot as hell. I told him what the witches had said. In the last few fights he was very much under the control of the witches. With Freddy Brown and Ray Arcel everything was wonderful, but when "Plomo" (from Panama) arrived he was jealous of the other two. That was when the problems began with "Plomo" (Nestor Espinoza).

"I knew Ray Arcel for a long time because he used to train Federico Plummer. Then he retired because he had problems with the Mafia. They almost killed him. So when Duran was ranked No. 1 in the world and we were going to fight Buchanan (in boxing its always "we" never he!) I talked to Teddy Brenner. First Roberto fought Benny Huertas in the semifinal at Madison Square Garden, the then Temple of fistiana. When he was about to fight Huertas I told him, 'Duran, there are many fighters who are terrified of fighting in Madison Square Garden.' He said: 'Papa, (he always called me Papá) Papá, I want to win this fight very quickly because I want to eat a lot of ice creams before they close the stores.' He won the fight in the first round. He wasn't afraid of Madison Square Garden. Then I said to him, 'We have to try to find the best trainer that we can for this Buchanan fight!'

"They told Ray Arcel that Buchanan was another Benny Leonard. But then I tried to locate Ray and I asked him if he could train Duran. (He had been retired for 10 years). He told me, 'Carlos, for you I'll do anything.' Then he called Freddy Brown to help him. That's how Ray Arcel and Freddy Brown entered into the picture. Ray Arcel didn't want to charge me with anything. He is one in a million.

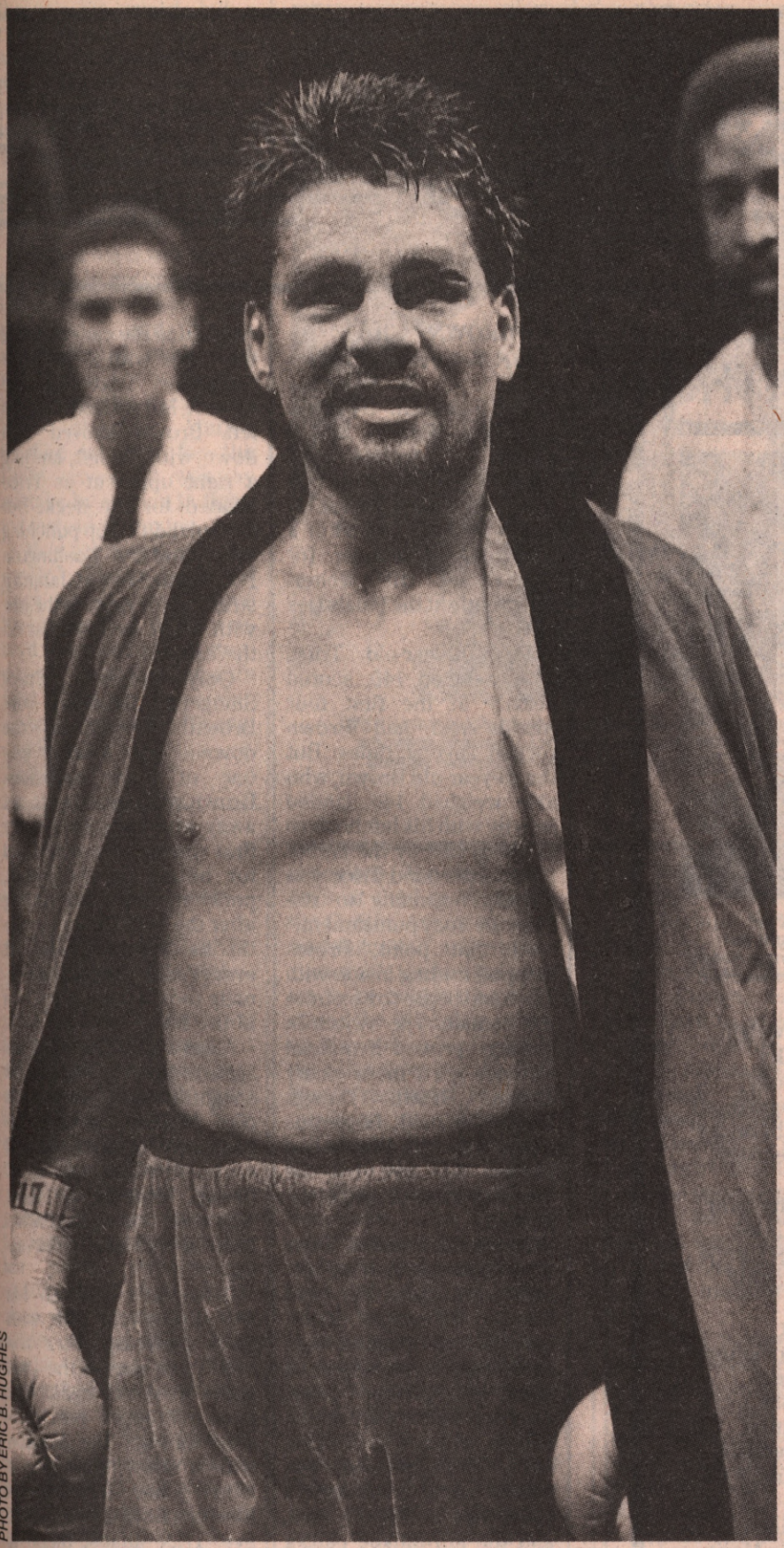
"When Duran got married to Felicidad, that was the beginning of all the problems. The father of Felicidad (the fat Yglesias) was always difficult. I used to control all the money Duran earned but as Felicidad couldn't touch any money, they forced Duran to turn against me. The father started to take care of the rent of the house. Then Felicidad started businesses. She also began gambling every night and still I was in control of training him, with Ray Arcel and Freddy Brown.

"When Duran beat Sugar Ray Leonard in Montreal that was the beginning of the end for him. His head got bigger and he became crazy. He had an entourage of about 20 people around him.

"One wanted to be his lawyer ... All kind of people around him to try to get the money out of him. He began to start drinking heavily, etc." (At that time rumors started to circulate in Panama that he was paying the bars $200 to lock him up (give him privacy) and serve him whatever he wanted. Rumors also started to circulate that Duran was using cocaine).

"So I said, I have to have the rematch soon because he will soon lose to a bum. I signed the rematch in which he was to get six million dollars (after taxes). I was the first person to bring together Don King and Bob Arum (both enemies) — because Bob Arum controlled Leonard. So I invited Don King and Bob Arum to Panama, and they both came and the contract was signed in my house for that amount.

"When we started training, Duran brought all his entourage to New York. He received outside advice. They told Duran, 'They are training you too hard, you have to eat more.' That was the beginning of the end. I knew that Duran couldn't win that Leonard fight because he wasn't in shape. It was obvious. When I knew about this I made a deal with Arum and King that I wanted the money from them in Panama 15 days before the fight — with the only commitment that if Duran stepped in the ring in New Orleans then I could cash that money in Panama. In that



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This is how Panamanian legend Roberto Duran looked following his latest bout, a sixth-round TKO over novice Paul Thorn in Atlantic City.

fight it was close up to the eighth round and Sugar Ray wasn't punishing Duran. But for me, Duran knew he didn't have the stamina to finish the fight. Then he did what I thought he could never do and turned around and said 'I don't want to fight with a clown.' *You are the only person who knows this.* Then the boxing commission in New Orleans confiscated his purse (with taxes it was nine million) and a fellow from the boxing commission tried to give us hell. I kept quiet because I knew that the money was here in Panama, in other words I saved him the six million dollars.

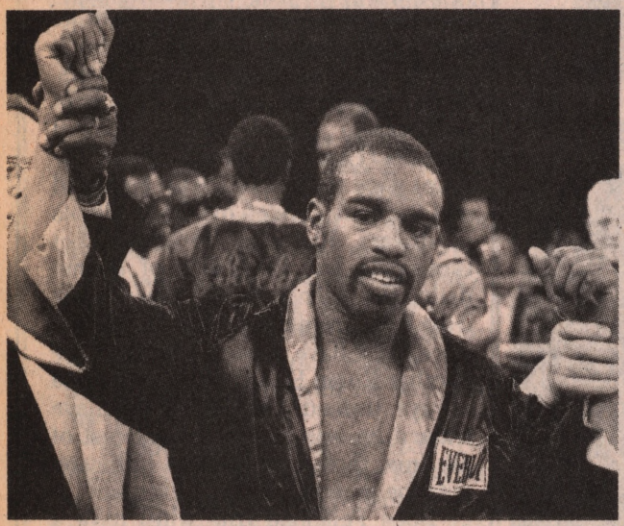
"After that fight I knew that he would spend all that money quickly so I made him sign with his wife a document so that all the money goes to the bank and he couldn't touch it for 10 years. What happened was — and I don't want to mention this more — General Paredes (Panama's strong man at the time) went to the bank with Felicidad and the bank handed over the millions of dollars. His wife (Felicidad) bet thousands and thousands of dollars daily. His friends took money away from him. I remember how he told me once, 'If I have money I want to be another Robin Hood.' To me if he had always trained like he should have trained he was one of the greatest of all time, though Sugar Ray Robinson was the greatest fighter I ever saw.

"Does Felicidad (the wife) have a good education? Yes, she has the best education for spending money. Roberto is a nice kid but he has a weak character and he wants to be with the people he would like to be with. In New York he gave $100 to a taxi driver as a tip. For him money was nothing."

Don Carlos finished his lunch and we left the restaurant. I was in a hurry to catch my flight south and he obviously had his own things to attend to. In fact, I was still recovering from the pleasant surprise of him agreeing to talk to me at all. Before we parted he introduced me to his chauffeur who turned out to be the father of Alfonso "Peppermint" Frazier (Panama's ex-world junior welterweight titleholder). During my flight I put together my notes and had time to ponder over the Duran saga, a story which just won't die, a story of brilliant success which turned to tragedy and may yet reach the depths of farce. Should that day come, Don Carlos won't be among those laughing. □

Ring Side Reports

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



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Rocky Lockridge's hand is raised in victory shortly after he retained his IBF junior lightweight belt with a hard-fought, but unanimous, 15-round decision over dangerous challenger Harold Knight. Lockridge's outstanding performance also garnered him THE RING'S Fighter of the Month award.

For successfully defending his IBF junior lightweight title against Harold "The Shadow" Knight, **Rocky Lockridge** earns this issue's Fighter of the Month laurels. Knight went into the 15-rounder undefeated and many considered the 29-year-old Lockridge to be on the down side of his career, but Lockridge won a decisive and unanimous decision.

This month's runner-up is **Simon Brown**, who came off the deck to pull out a victory. Brown, down in the second round and hurt often, came back to stop Tyrone Trice in the 14th round of a thriller for the vacant IBF welterweight title.

Honorable mentions go to several, including **Gilberto Roman**, who survived a disputed knockdown and a cut to hand Sugar Baby Rojas his first loss as Roman won the WBC super flyweight title for the second time. **Evander Holyfield** also turned in an impressive outing, stopping Carlos DeLeon to add the WBC cruiserweight title to his IBF cruiser and WBA junior heavyweight belts.

Add **Virgil Hill** to the list, also. Hill remained undefeated with a one-sided stopping of Jean Marie Emebe to keep his WBA light heavyweight title. □

BROWN - TRICE
IBF Welterweight Title

BERCK-SUR-MER, FRANCE — Simon Brown rallied from a second-round knockdown to batter Tyrone Trice into defeat at 2:29 of the 14th round of a scheduled 15-rounder for the vacant IBF welterweight title at the Palais Des Sports.

The 24-year-old Trice, who weighed 146, scored heavily in the first four rounds and had Brown rocked several times. But the 23-year-old Brown, who also weighed 146, landed heavily with his left hook to the body and by the end of the fourth round Trice was already beginning to tire from the body punishment.

At that point, Brown stopped trading inside with Trice and began to box from the outside. The switch in strategy proved beneficial as Trice grew more weary chasing Brown. Though Trice remained dangerous to the very end, Brown had turned the tide by the seventh, becoming the aggressor.

In the 12th round, Trice opened strong, scoring several good rights. But brief flurries exhausted Trice, and Brown pushed him against the ropes, where he stood with his hands down. As Trice threw a left hook, Brown offered a looping right. Both missed, but Brown came back with a short left to Trice's chin, and the Milwaukee battler crashed to the canvas along the ropes with 27 seconds remaining. Trice regained his feet, but with 20 seconds left Brown shoved him down with his left, landing a right uppercut as Trice headed for the deck. But Brown didn't stop punching there, and the Washington D.C. battler out of Jamaica struck Trice right on the jaw with a left as Trice sat on the canvas.

Only referee Steve Smoger's intervention kept Brown from hitting the downed Trice again. It was one of many occasions Brown was permitted to get away with fouls. In the very first round, he was warned for hitting on the break, punching low and hitting after the bell. The latter tactic he continued almost every round until Smoger finally took a point from him in the 10th.

Meanwhile, Trice got up again, only to be floored by a right. He staggered to his pins midway through the count, at which time the bell sounded ending the round. Brown, thinking the fight was over, was laying on his back at mid-ring, celebrating!

Trice held and ran his way through the 13th, with each punching after the bell. Trice started the 14th with a good right, but Brown dropped him halfway through the session with a short right after a clinch that left Brown bleeding from under the left eye. Trice almost made it

through the round, but a flurry by Brown capped by a left hook that almost ripped Trice's head off prompted Smoger to call a halt.

Trice scored the second-round knockdown with a left hook followed by a right.

"He put me down for the first time in my career, and I know what it's like to get put down," said Brown, whose record reads 25-1 with 19 knockouts, the lone loss coming by decision to WBA titleholder Marlon Starling in 1985 for the USBA crown. "It was my mistake by staying in fighting instead of boxing.

"He's got speed, he's got power," Brown said of Trice, whose only previous loss in his 28-2, 24 KOs record was a one-round stoppage by Fred Pendleton in 1984. "This guy was unbelievable. I never fought anyone like this."
(4-23-88)

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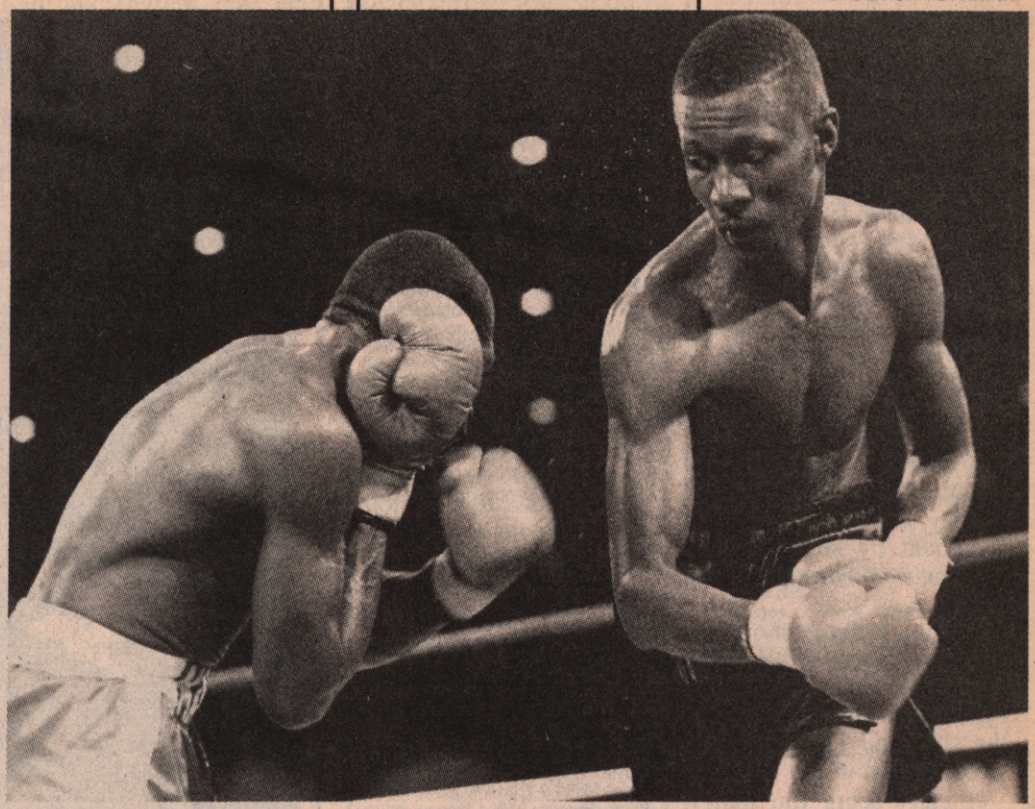

WBA welterweight champion Marlon Starling (left) displays a tight defense during his rematch with Mark Breland in Las Vegas. Breland managed a controversial draw with a late rally, but Starling retained the title and the opportunity to face Lloyd Honeyghan for the world title.

STARLING - BRELAND
WBA Welterweight Title

LAS VEGAS — BRITAIN'S Lloyd Honeyghan wrapped up his first visit to this desert oasis with much satisfaction, regardless of how he may have fared at the casino gaming tables.

The 27-year-old transplanted Jamaican came not to boast about recapturing his world welterweight championship from Jorge Vaca, but to evaluate the holder of the WBA title, Marlon Starling, and Mark Breland, who had ambitions to reclaim the throne.

Along with 6,248 paid admissions, Honeyghan yawned through 12 monotonous rounds watching Starling and Breland finish in a ridiculous, disputed indoor draw at the Las Vegas Hilton Center. As one ringside wag suggested, and with accuracy, it's too bad the powers to be couldn't have declared the WBA title vacant on the spot, since neither the titleholder nor the challenger displayed any serious intent on wanting it.

Though he floundered badly in the late rounds, Starling, according to the consensus, did enough early to merit the decision, which, in fact, would have been tarnished no matter which way it went.

Honeyghan, managed to a 31-1 record by Mickey Duff, was delighted Starling survived with a draw.

"Starling's got a big mouth, a bad mouth," said Honeyghan. "He's been saying a lot of things about me, and I'm going to make him pay for it. It wouldn't have mattered if Breland had won because I'd knock out either one."

Honeyghan may have to wait, though, as Starling may have to make a mandatory defense against Tomas Molinares.

Though an 11-round knockout winner over Breland October 11 in Columbia, South Carolina, Starling was the underdog in the rematch, the Nevada bookmakers installing Breland, the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic gold medalist, a 5-2 favorite.

In total it was a performance neither combatant will include in his memoirs. It was the first draw for each, Starling now standing 43-4-1 with 26 KOs, while Breland's ledger totters at 20-1-1 with 13 KOs.

The 29-year-old Starling, out of Hartford, Connecticut, earned $425,000, while the 24-year-old Breland, New York, received $150,000. They had a license to steal, considering their work, and Main Events, Inc. must be doing some soul-searching on the 6-2½ Breland's future. Breland showed no semblance of balance, and it appeared at times he might go down from lack of footing even when some of Starling's shots landed on his shoulders. Breland's punches arrived via push, not snap. Whatever power landed, Starling delivered.

Admittedly, it was a hard fight to score. Starling let Breland catch the eyes of the judges in the closing rounds, yet rarely was there continuity in Breland's offensive display. The leaning tower of hype also frus-

trated Starling with repeated clinches after Breland was shaken by Starling's unusual fast start. In the official voting, Jerry Roth of Las Vegas voted 116-113 Starling, while Vegas veteran Dave Moretti saw it 115-114 for Breland. New Mexico judge Elias Quintana fashioned the stalemate with a 114-114. *The Ring* saw it 117-113, Starling.

All judges agreed Breland's flailing attack won four of the last five rounds, losing only the 10th unanimously, as Starling began to showboat by sticking out his tongue and dropping his hands.

Though it didn't show in his face, Starling seemed satisfied in reminding post-fight reviewers, "I still have the title and I'm the best welterweight in the world.

"I can't score the fight and fight the fight," Starling added. "I feel I won the fight, but I wanted to win it my way. Maybe Mark won three rounds. He was never in control of the fight. Every time I touched Breland, his legs did a dance."

Breland's promoter Dan Duva explained, "Mark wasn't hurting Marlon, but Marlon wasn't hurting Mark. Because Breland is so tall and lanky, it looks as if he is hurt more than he is by a punch. Frankly, I don't think either one of them did a whole helluva lot."

Eddie Futch, Starling's trainer, said, "Marlon had to make the fight in there. Whenever he landed a good punch, Breland would tie him up. When you are forced to make the fight, you're doing double work in there."

As for Breland, he commented, "I felt stale in the early rounds and I don't know why. I was much stronger in the later rounds. I'm not making any excuses, but I thought I won the fight. My right hand bothered me after the second round. In fact, both of them hurt before it was over."

None of the scheduled 10-round bouts on the undercard went the distance.

James "Buster" Douglas, 233, Columbus, Ohio, methodically outpunched Wimpy Halstead, 213, Midwest City, Oklahoma, to score a TKO victory at 1:16 of the ninth round. Halstead, despite a puffy left eye and reddened nose, didn't think referee Carlos Padilla should have stopped the bout and ran across the ring to strike Douglas when his back was turned. Douglas had dropped Halstead and finally finished it with a left-right combination. The Buckeye belter's record rose to 25-4-1 with 16 KOs, while Halstead slipped to 44-7-1 with 34 KOs. The Nevada State Athletic Commission took $500 of Halstead's $7,500 purse for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Julian Jackson, 156, WBA junior middleweight titleholder from the Virgin Islands, TKO'd Reggie Barnes, 164, Memphis, Tennessee, with a left hook at 2:43 of the first round. Jackson's log improved to 33-1, 31 KOs, while Barnes skidded to 15-9 with nine KOs in the non-title bout.

John Duplessis, 137, New Orleans, dropped Hermino Morales, 138, Chicago, in the first and second rounds before scoring a TKO at 1:57 of the latter with a five-punch salvo. Duplessis improved to 26-0 with 17 KOs, while Morales fell to 9-1, two KOs.

Primo Ramos, 139, Chicago, overwhelmed Kearns Iybarra, 139, San Diego, with a TKO victory at 2:38 of the first round. Ramos advanced to 24-5 with 19 KOs.

Manuel Munez, 143, San Diego, won a unanimous, four-round decision over Rosario Guerrero, 147, San Diego (4-16-88)

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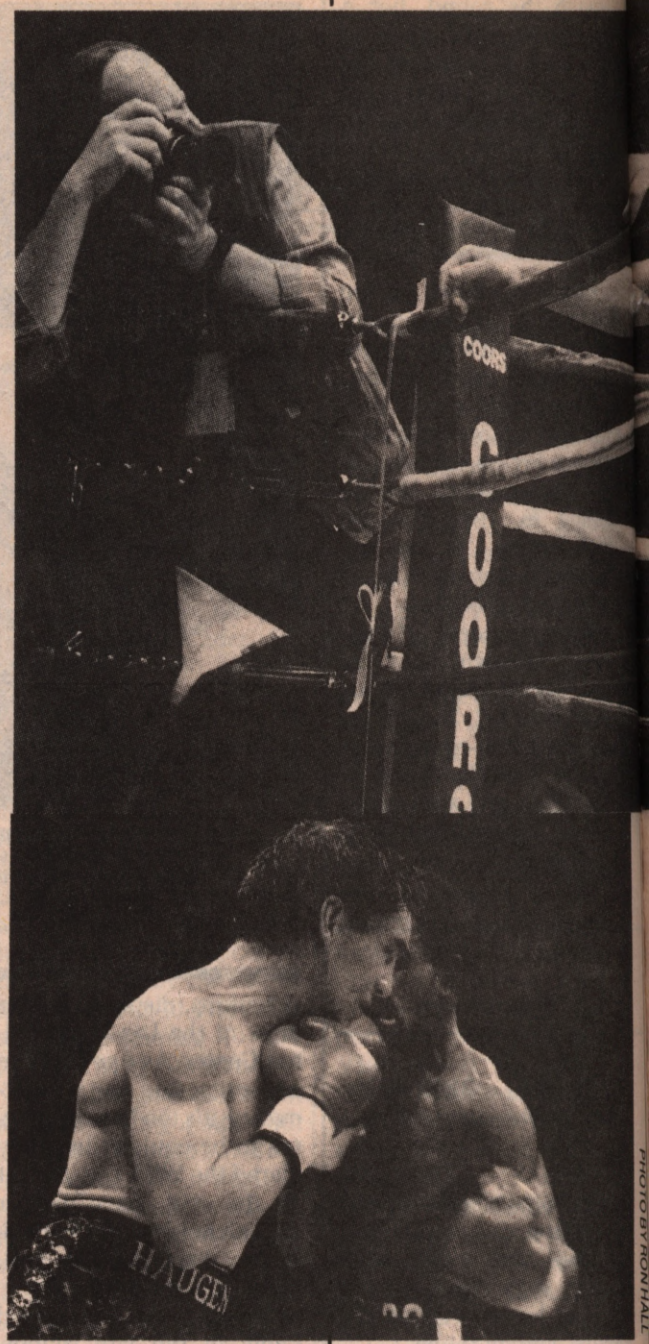

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HAUGEN - SANTANA
IBF Lightweight Title

TACOMA, WASHINGTON — In a dream-like scenario, IBF lightweight king Greg Haugen, 135, successfully defended his championship belt against challenger Miguel Santana, 134½, with a bizarre, 11-round technical decision.

In the 11th of the scheduled 15, a clash of heads resulted in a horrid laceration along Haugen's right eye. He was cut badly above the left eye as well. Santana wasn't undamaged, having two ugly cuts, above and below the left eye.

After the round referee Jack Cassidy consulted with ringside physician Sam Adams, then halted the bout and awarded the belt to Santana. Twenty minutes later, Jimmy Rondeau, Washington state boxing commissioner and vice-president of the IBF, announced to stunned reporters that the cut had been due to an unintentional butt and that, according to IBF rules, the result would depend on the scorecards.

At the time of the stoppage, judges Paul Gibbs of Seattle and Tom McDonough from Tacoma each had it 106-103 for Haugen, while Portland's Paul Weitzel had the same score, but for Santana. *The Ring* card favored Santana, 106-104. Thus, Haugen was ruled still titleholder, while the Santana camp raged and pan-

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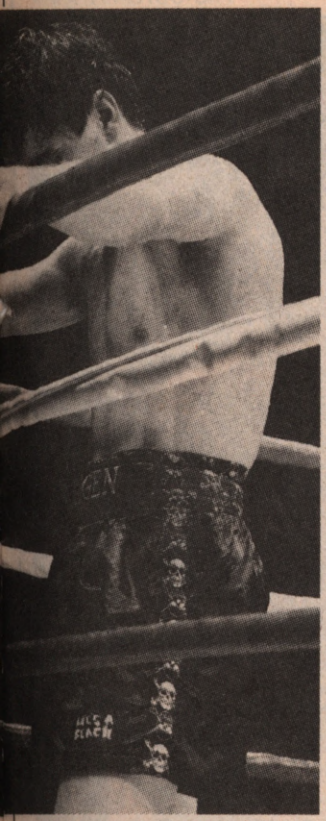

A dejected Greg Haugen stands forlornly in his corner after his bout with Miguel Santana was stopped due to a bad cut over Haugen's left eye. When this photograph was taken, Haugen was under the impression he'd lost the IBF lightweight title, but the verdict was later changed to a "technical decision" in Greg's favor.

Champ Haugen (left) and underdog challenger Santana go toe-to-toe during their match for the IBF lightweight title. The close-quarter action eventually led to a clash of heads which forced a premature end to the surprisingly competitive bout.

demonium reigned.

To placate the Santana group, Rondeau said he will recommend a rematch as soon as possible, but Haugen needed 35 stitches to close his wounds, and it will be at least six months before he even can begin sparring again.

Haugen, 22-1-1 with 10 knockouts, told *The Ring*, "I thought I won, but I have to think that way. I know my timing was off. I couldn't find my rhythm, my jab wasn't there. I had to lose too much weight too soon. I fought like bleep, man."

Haugen now makes Las Vegas his home, but this was his home town and he started quickly in front of his home folks, moving well and peppering the muscular New Yorker, who fell to 20-4-1 with 12 KOs, with crisp combinations. But as early as the fourth round Haugen began running out of gas and Santana began moving in behind lead rights, roughing up Haugen, then moving out of danger.

By the 10th Haugen was fighting on heart alone and in that session powerful lead rights shook Haugen, and it appeared for a moment he might go down for the first time in his career. Only his giant heart and chin of stone prevented a trip to the deck.

In an exciting undercard match, Mario Rodriguez, 142, Yakima, displayed solid boxing skills and a punch when he took out Larry Benson, 140, Stockton, in the 10th. Rodriguez improved to 22-8, while Benson fell to 17-10.

Noe Ramirez, 156, Seattle, improved to 15-9 with an unpopular, split decision over Rod Starks, 155, Los Angeles. Starks was 10-8 after the eight-rounder.

Gordon Cooper, 210½, Auburn, made his pro debut by squeaking out a split decision over J.J. Cottrel, 206, Salt Lake City. Cottrel is 6-3.

The walkout had David Cox, 143, Federal Way, make his pro bow by decisioning Frank Chow, 142, Eugene. Chow is 1-2.

Promoters: Victory Promotions, Mike Trainer & Scott Fitzsimmons.

Matchmaker: Mel Greb.

Referees: Jack Cassidy, Jim Reilly, Glen Hamada, Morris McCollum & Fiore Pignataro.

Physician: Sam Adams.

Timekeeper: Wes Drake.

Announcer: Mark Pierce.

Attendance: 7,401. Gross: $272,974.

(4-11-88)

WILLIAM TUTHILL

CANIZALES - CURTIS
USBA Jr. Bantam Title

ATLANTIC CITY — WHAT looked like a sure-fire distance thriller was cut down while barely out of the gate by an astute trainer and an attentive student.

Orlando Canizales, 115, Laredo, TX, wasted no time adding the vacant USBA junior bantam crown to his NABF fly title by taking out Louis Curtis, 114½, Wash., DC, at 1:52 of the second, scheduled 12. For Curtis, it was his third straight loss in a USBA title bout. His undoing actually began in the previous attempt, a close, savagely fought decision for the bantam crown against none other than Orlando's "big" brother, Gaby. Observed trainer Jesse Reid, "I noticed that he leaned out too much over his punches, so we practiced stepping around him and throwing uppercuts."

Practice made perfect! That's exactly what the attacking Curtis was doing when Canizales bounced off the ropes with a short right to dump him. Louis arose, but promptly had his head snapped back by a left uppercut that sent him reeling backwards until his legs folded. Up again, Curtis would have continued, but ref Joe O'Neil, observing a severe eye cut in addition to his shaky condition called it off. Canizales rose to 19-1-1. The loser, dropping to 15-3-1, observed succinctly, "I just got caught. I thought I had him."

A fighter to be watched, Edward "Yogi Bear" Neblett, 152, Barbados via Miami, used a straightforward, no-frills attack to brush aside the subtleties of southpaw cutie Daryl Lattimore, 150½, DC. In a fine contest in which neither was disgraced, Neblett gained a disputed, but correct split verdict. Unable to contain the rugged Yogi with his usual cautious style, Daryl had to fight, and did! His shifty moves frequently frustrated the Barbadian, and kept it close. But overall, Neblett's strength and power dictated the terms. With an effective pursuit, he was able to trap the moving Lattimore often enough with solid combinations. Al DeVito voted 77-76 for the loser, who suffered his first defeat after a dozen wins. But John Stewart and Joe Pasquale both had 77-75 for Yogi, who went to 11-1. Ref, Tony Orlando.

By contrast, Mack Brown, 153, Hempstead, LI, was awarded a thoroughly unjustified draw against Ron Amundsen, 154, Chicago, in a frustrating six. Normally a solid socker, Brown tried to emulate his new mentor, Howard Davis. But the best he could master was a lot of inconsequential running around. The judges must have been paying more notice to Howard as it was the pressing Amundsen who landed the telling blows. But only Pasquale saw it that way, 58-57, while DeVito had Brown 58-56, and Stewart tabbed 57-all. Ron's record was blemished after 13 wins. Ref, O'Neil.

Derrick Rolon, 148, Elizabeth, cleaned up on outgunned Jose Vera, 147, Stamford, CT, with Orlando stopping the scheduled six at 2:59 of the second.

In a wild and woolly battle of green debutees, Jose "Peligro" Perez, 133½, Reading, was too fast for earnest Dave Flores, 133½, Spanish Harlem. Dave took a ferocious whipping in the first, being dropped and given a standing eight. He gamely rallied in the second, but when again wobbled, Orlando halted the scheduled four at 2:59.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).

Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.

Attendance: 650 (est.).

TV: ESPN.

Judges: William Kostrub replaced DeVito for main event.

Timekeeper: Art Spell.

Announcer: Mike Buffer.

(4-15-88)

J.R. JOWETT

HOLYFIELD - DELEON
WBC & IBF
Cruiserweight Titles
WBA Jr. Heavyweight Title

LAS VEGAS — EVANDER Holyfield is embracing the science of sports medicine to prepare for his calculated ascension as a future challenger for the world heavyweight championship.

The debut among the big boys is projected for late July at Caesars Tahoe against a well-traveled former contender named James "Quick" Tillis, who was the first man to take Mike Tyson 10 rounds.

Holyfield completed the cruiserweight/junior heavyweight hat trick for his 18th straight victory and 14th KO, laying sustained punishment on stubbornly durable Carlos "Sugar" DeLeon for an eight-round TKO in Caesars Palace's

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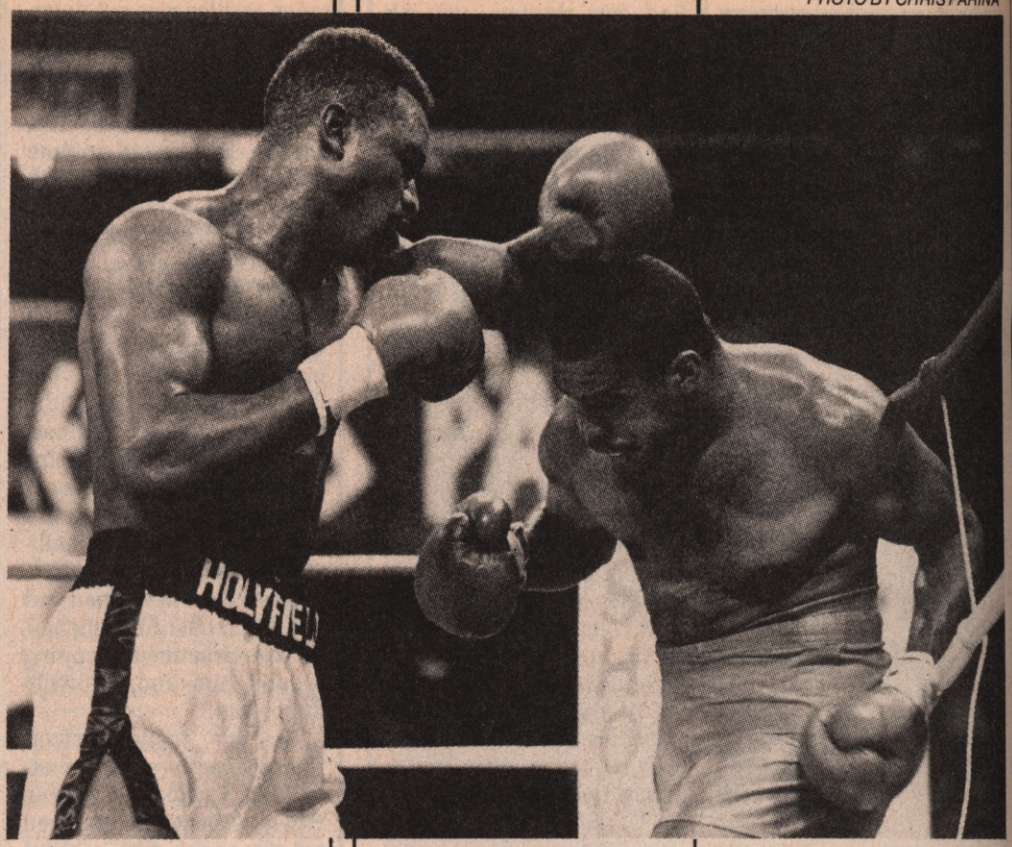


Evander Holyfield (left) has Carlos DeLeon on the ropes and under pressure during their cruiserweight unification match at the Las Vegas Hilton. Holyfield remained unbeaten as pro, stopping DeLeon in Round Eight.

Sports Pavilion.

An appreciative assembly of 3,860 saw the abbreviated 12-round event give Holyfield the WBC title as a companion for the IBF cruiserweight and WBA junior heavyweight titles he had already acquired.

Ironically, DeLeon, 28, may have a chance to regain the WBC diadem for a record fourth time. Holyfield will make a triple abdication once he reaches a certain weight plateau in scientifically beefing up for a heavyweight championship match and a helluva payday sometime in 1989. Holyfield had to pare off a quarter-pound to make the WBC's 190-pound limit (strangely, the WBA and IBF limit is 195). For DeLeon, who won the title for the first of three times in November, 1980, it was old hat coming in at 188.

Round after round, Holyfield kept the Puerto Rican pinned on the ropes or in a corner, mixing jabs, hooks and uppercuts as the forerunner to a snapping, overhand right. The end came at 1:08 of the eighth when Holyfield worked DeLeon near his own corner with 22 unanswered punches. The finishing salvo started with a crunching right to the jaw and ended with the same punch, referee Mills Lane jumping between the combatants.

There were no knockdowns, but DeLeon was cut over the left eye in Holyfield's final furious assault.

Lane never thought of stopping the bout earlier, though DeLeon was visibly shaken by combinations in the sixth and seventh rounds.

"Carlos got nailed in the eighth with three or four booming shots, and it looked like he could have been hurt bad," said Lane. "I had to stop it because he was now taking a good beating."

Dan Duva, heading up Main Events Promotions, said, "This was Evander Holyfield's finest performance as a professional, but he's moving up to the heavyweights in the summer. The first opponent will probably be "Quick" Tillis, who people saw tonight.

"Carlos DeLeon proved he was a champion, too, and we knew it wasn't going to be an easy fight," added Duva. "The oddsmakers were wrong in making DeLeon 11-1 in the betting. This was only Carlos' fourth loss in 48 fights."

Holyfield said he wasn't out to make a big impression on Mike Tyson, though Tyson and his lovely wife Robin Givens were in attendance. But Holyfield did admit, "I saw Tyson when I got in the ring. But it's the people that make me fight good, not just Tyson. It's everybody. When the fight happens, I'll fight Tyson to get respect, and I feel I can do it with my ring knowledge."

Before departing, Tyson said, "Holyfield looks like he's ready for me now. He bangs pretty good."

Holyfield wasn't in such a hurry, saying, "I'm pretty much ready to take one fight at a time, not jump the gun. If they want Tillis in July at Tahoe, that's fine with me. After that, maybe Pinklon Thomas. I'll sit down with Tim Hallmark, my sports medicine therapist in Houston, and we'll work toward a weight I feel comfortable with. Two weeks before this fight, I had to come down from 202 pounds. I'm glad this was my last fight as a cruiserweight."

Heading up the seven-bout undercard was Philadelphia's Meldrick Taylor, 141, who finally found the range to TKO Ivan Gonzalez, 141, Miami, Florida, at 2:42 of the fifth round of the scheduled 10. Taylor, the 21-year-old former Olympic gold medalist, improved his credentials to 18-0-1 with 10 KOs, while Gonzalez skidded to 14-2 with nine KOs.

Duva showcased the 29-year-old Tillis on the undercard, and the one-time Tulsa cowboy via Chicago stopped mismatched Rod Smith of Eugene, Oregon at 51 seconds of the second round. Tillis improved his record to 38-13-1 with 29 KOs.

Engels Pedroza, 148, Long Beach, California, continued on his KO streak, stopping Javier Raton, 149, Juarez, Mexico, at 55 seconds of the first round. Pedroza moved to 17-0, all by kayo, while Raton fell to 26-6-1 with 19 KOs.

Juan Carrazo, 116, San Juan, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Tim Silva, 117½, Houston, at 1:22 of the sixth round of a 10-rounder. Carrazo is 19-1-1 with nine KOs, while Silva dropped to 6-3 with two KOs.

Patrick Lumumba, 195, Kenya, outpunched Jeff Lampkin, 190, Dayton, Ohio, to win a controversial, eight-round decision in raising his ledger to 13-2 with five KOs. Lampkin dipped to 26-10 with 21 KOs.

Javier Suazo, 146, Las Vegas, improved his log to 17-4 with seven KOs when he surprised Vincent Pettway,

146, Baltimore, Maryland, at 1:08 of the sixth.

Rodolfo Marin, 221, San Juan, made it eight straight, seven by KO, when he chilled Tony Foster, 238, Denver, at 1:00 of the first of a scheduled six. Foster is 7-2 with six KOs. (4-9-88)

JACK WELSH

ROMAN - ROJAS
WBC Super Flyweight Title

MIAMI BEACH — GILberto Roman regained the WBC super flyweight title with a bloody, unanimous 12-round decision over Colombia's Sugar Baby Rojas in the Miami Convention Center.

Roman had lost the title on a cut eye stoppage against Santos Laciar last year, and in this bout he was cut over the right eye in the third round by Rojas, who had taken the title from Laciar. But Roman boxed brilliantly, being too fast for the taller Rojas, who entered the bout reportedly undefeated in 32 fights.

The decision was comfortable, Dave Moretti of Las Vegas seeing it 118-110, New York's Tony Castellano calling it 115-111 and Arlen Bynum of Texas recording a 115-112.

Rojas was credited with a knockdown of the Mexican in Round Two, though Roman appeared to have slipped. The 26-year-old Roman, who improved to 46-4-1, came back strong as the bout developed into a brawl with butting, lacing and holding being the forte of Rojas. Roman survived it all, which was allowed by referee John Thomas of Los Angeles despite numerous warnings, and Rojas was cut over the right eye in the ninth.

Rojas earned $50,000 in the loss, while the new titleholder made just $10,000.

Promoter: Antillas Promotions.
Matchmaker: Tuto Zabala.
Judges: Irv Abramson, Ed Levine, Al Wilensky & Mark Schnecter.
Referees: Juan Arias & Billy Yoham.
(4-8-88)

LOCKRIDGE - KNIGHT
IBF Junior Lightweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY — AS THE saying goes, "you dance with what brung ya'." And what brought Harold "The Shadow" Knight to the Sands' Copa Room for his title try against IBF junior lightweight champ Rocky Lockridge was a modified two-steps-forward-none-backwards number entitled "The Take Charge." However, it wasn't enough to wrest the title away from the experienced mitts of veteran Lockridge, who retained the belt with a unanimous 15-round decision.

The previously unbeaten Knight, 24, was the betting favorite going in. He'd crushed most of his opponents building a 19-0 (15 KOs) record, and many felt the 29-year-old Lockridge's better days were behind him. All in all, the match pitted the somewhat reckless abandon of unbridled youth against the seen-it-all attitude of a well-seasoned campaigner. And in this case, experience prevailed and the old pro won with room to spare.

The bout, televised nationally by ABC, started as expected with both men advancing to lock horns center ring. Lockridge, 129, Mt. Laurel, NJ, stayed low, worked the body and then came over the top with right hands to the head. Knight, 128, Plainfield, NJ, took the high road and head hunted, but his offense just didn't provide enough defense and the champion more than matched him sting for sting.

Outfought on the inside, Knight put on his sprinter's shoes in the fourth, but couldn't quite pass a crash course in the finer points of a stick-and-move.

Rounds four through nine proved a scoring mystery. Was "The Shadow's" routine of touch and go keeping a rather placid Lockridge at bay, or was Knight letting the champ coolly pile up gravy points? Remember, it's all relative. If you're doing little and your foe is doing even less, you still win the round. The official scorekeepers certainly differed sharply in their interpretation of what was happening in the ring.

Judge Frank Cairo gave Lockridge the first three rounds, but had Knight taking four of the next six. But on the other hand, judges Richard F. Murry and Tom Kaczmarek had Lockridge winning five of those same six rounds. After 10 sessions, *The Ring* scorecard had Rocky ahead by a single point.

Apparently feeling the fight slipping away, Knight went back on the offensive in the 10th and the pair went head-to-head. The challenger's sudden change in tactics and his quicker hands caught Lockridge off-guard and allowed Knight to edge a very active round.

Knight continued his resurgence in the 11th and nearly ended matters with a potent left hook to the head which had Lockridge stunned and reaching desperately to steady his unsteady legs. As Rocky grabbed for survival, Knight stepped to the side like a matador and Rocky hit the canvas. Referee Paul Venti could have called it a knockdown, but gave the shaken champ the benefit of the doubt and ruled that Lockridge had slipped.

Knight went for the kill, but Lockridge was not about to relinquish the title without a fight. He tore forward the last two minutes of the round with a tenacious rebuttal. Again, the judges assessed the round from different perspectives. Knight got a 10-8 margin from Murry, who must have felt Venti should have credited the challenger with a knockdown. Kaczmarek took the middle road and gave Knight a 10-9 edge, while Cairo, who probably figured one numbing left hook was not enough to overcome Rocky's rally, gave the round to the m-pion, 10-9.

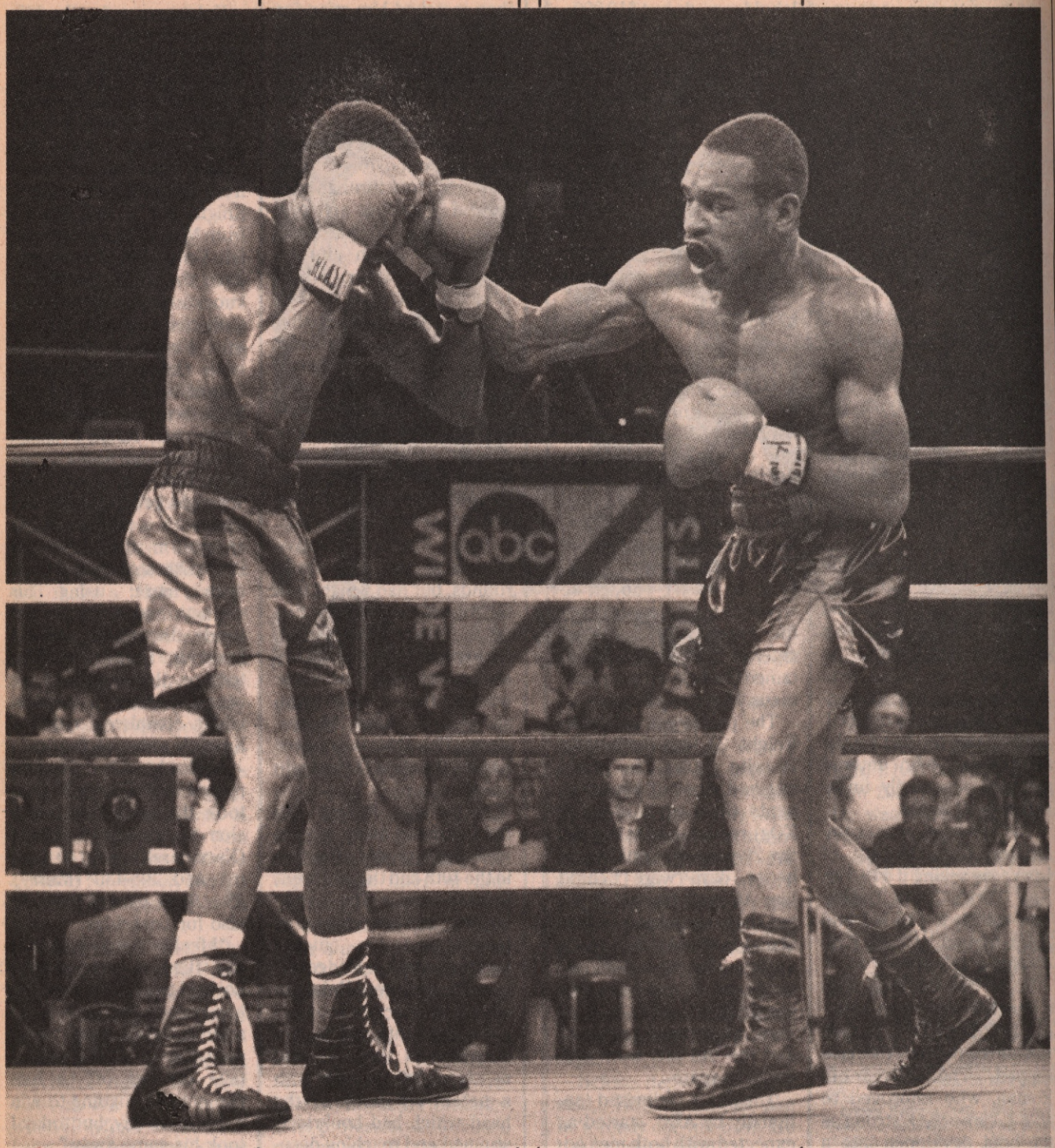
Knight produced his last kick with a mid-round exchange in the 12th, but Lockridge stood his ground once more, using his strength and savvy on the inside. Down the stretch, Lockridge rode home to victory on the quality of his over-and-under assault, which completely nullified Knight's pitty-pat flurries.

Lockridge, who raised his record to 43-5 with 35 KOs, took the unanimous decision by scores of 146-139 (Kaczmarek), 145-140 (Cairo) and 145-139 (Murry). *The Ring* carded 144-142, also for Lockridge.

"I feel better now than at any time in my career," Lockridge said. "I have the hand speed, the power, the relentlessness. Don't write me off until I tell you to. I take my hat off to him (Knight). He's going to win a title someday, but today I took his game away."

Knight was gracious in defeat, saying, "All my best to the champ. I tried my best, but I guess my best wasn't good enough. He won the fight. I give him credit."

In a scheduled 10, Rafael Pineda, 137, Barranquilla, Colombia, looked smooth taking apart Angel Beltre, 139, Miami, winning via kayo at 2:38 of



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Round Two. Pineda (16-0) was the picture of polished professionalism and put his punches together in changing patterns. Outclassed all the way, Beltre was hurt by a left hook and put down for the 10-count by a picture perfect left-right. Referee, Tony Orlando.

Ralph Ward, 156, Toledo, Ohio, had things all his way, winning a scheduled six-rounder over Dwight Hunter, 159½, Kannapolis, NC, via a TKO when Hunter quit on his stool at the end of Round Four. Referee, Joe O'Neil.

In another scheduled six, Greg Towns, 174, Providence, RI, drilled Billy Sullivan, 169½, Syracuse, for two knockdowns and a TKO at 2:52 of the first round. Towns upped his log to 6-0, while Sullivan slipped to 3-4. Referee, O'Neil.

Stringbean southpaw Darryl Holly, 142½, Brigantine, NJ, enjoyed a successful pro debut with a unanimous four-round decision over Jose Vera, 148, Bridgeport, Conn., by scores of 40-36 (twice) and 39-37. Referee, Orlando.

Timekeeper: Justine Bucanico.
Promoter: Main Events.
Matchmaker: Johnny Bos.
(4-2-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

HILL - EMEBE

WBA Light Heavyweight Title

BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA — In the first world title fight in North Dakota, local hero Virgil Hill thrilled over 8,000 fans in the sold-out Bismark Civic Center by defending his WBA light heavyweight title with an 11th-round TKO of Jean Marie Emebe.

The 24-year-old Hill, who weighed 173 in improving his record to 21-0 with 14 knockouts, used the 32-year-old Emebe, who weighed 174 in dropping to 25-5 with 21 KOs, as a punching bag throughout

Rocky Lockridge (right) clocks Harold "The Shadow" Knight with a solid right to the side of the head. Knight gave a good account of himself, but Lockridge's superior experience was too much for the previously undefeated challenger to overcome.

the fight. From the beginning, it was merely a question of whether or not Emebe could last the distance.

The African challenger, now a French resident, plodded after the Olympic silver medalist, absorbing punishment at an alarming rate. The quick Hill, who calls Williston and Grand Forks his home towns, used his speed and combination punching to give Emebe a boxing lesson, not to mention a beating.

"His only hope was to land a big punch, but I had the speed on him," said Hill. "But he was very tough."

Emebe did his only damage with his head as Hill injured his left hand beating Emebe's skull during the eighth. Hill almost had the challenger out of there in that frame, but ringside physicians, who examined Emebe between frames, allowed him to continue. Hill, cut over the left eye in the eighth, backed away in the ninth, allowing Emebe to recuperate. He later said he did not pursue a knockout in that round because of the injury to his hand.

But that didn't stop Hill in the 11th. The converted southpaw nearly dropped Emebe with a jab at the start of the 11th, followed with a combination, then put him down with three rights to the head. Emebe got up and was allowed to take a few more shots before the bout was stopped.

Promoter: Top Rank, Inc.
(4-3-88)

BASSA - MCAULEY
WBA Flyweight Title

BELFAST, IRELAND — WBA flyweight titleholder Fidel Bassa of Colombia retained his title in confident fashion as he outpointed local favorite Dave McAuley, Larne, over 12 rounds in King's Hall.

The decision of the judges was unanimous, 114-113 from Lou Morret of the United States, 115-113 from Samuel Conde of Puerto Rico and 116-112 from Michael Glienna of the United States.

When they met a year earlier, Bassa was down five times and appeared a loser, but he came back to knock out McAuley in Round 13. If it had been a 12-rounder like the rematch, McAuley would have won the title.

However, this time the explosive power was missing from McAuley's punch and there was just one brief period, in Round 11, when, realizing he was behind, McAuley piled on the pressure. But he couldn't sustain it, and it was too late, in any case.

Making the fourth defense of his title, Bassa took charge from the first bell. He refused to be drawn into close-quarter mauling, boxed well behind his left jab and, although McAuley fought his usual game fight and kept plugging away, there was never a stage when the challenger established superiority. Bassa kept his cool, used the ring well, varied his attack and generally thwarted all of McAuley's efforts.

In Round Nine, Bassa floored his man for an eight count from two hard right hands. Though McAuley picked up the pace the last three rounds, the best he could do was dislodge Bassa's mouthpiece in Round 11.

Not even the 6,000 who cheered and encouraged McAuley could spur him, and the verdict was a formality.

There was one hiccup. At the end of Round Seven, referee Tony Perez went to Bassa's corner and asked trainer Ramon Dosman to empty his pockets after which he handed a phial with a capsule to John Morris, secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, who stated, "We believe this to be a permitted adrenalin mixture, but we will be having it analyzed."

Though his wife wants him to retire, McAuley said he will now go after the European crown. Bassa's manager, Billy Chams, said, "This time our tactics were right. We decided to box McAuley, not to have a war."

On the undercard, Pat Doherty, who once went 15 rounds with Irving Mitchell for the WBA featherweight title, returned from a 14-month layoff to flatten Dublin's Richie Foster in just 1:55 of their lightweight match. Doherty, Croydon, dropped Foster with three rights and a left hook. Foster got up, but his right eye was swollen shut and the bout was stopped.

In a good scrap, Roy Webb, Larne, and Panama's Francisco Arroya drew over six rounds.

A scheduled six welterweight bout had Andy Holligan stopping Nottingham's Tony Richards at 2:48 of the second. Richards was floored by a left hook, got up, but took more punishment until the bout was halted.

Ireland's Terry Magee outpointed Nottingham's Chris Richards, Tony's brother, in an eight-round middleweight contest.

A featherweight match contested over six two-minute rounds was won by Billy Barton, who decisioned Sean Casey.
(3-27-88)

RON OLVER

SITHNARUEPOL - LUCAS
IBF Mini Flyweight Title

BANGKOK — THAI SAMUTH Sithnaruepol was awarded a controversial technical decision over previously unbeaten Filipino Pretty Boy Lucas in the 11th session of a scheduled 15-round bout for the vacant IBF mini flyweight title at Rajadamnern Stadium.

The new 105-pound class is called strawweight by the WBC and minimumweight by the WBA. The IBF stripped its titleholder Kyung-Yun Lee as he took a crack at the "more prestigious" WBC throne only to be stopped by Hiroki Ioka in the 12th and final round January 31.

Lucas took the initiative with better boxing skill and superior speed, and staggered Sithnaruepol with a good right in the opening round. Lucas, the Filipino champion, maintained his aggression and won the next two sessions as well. Sithnaruepol, who possessed the OPBF title, started showing his usual zip in the fifth, throwing fast combinations. In the seventh and eighth, Sithnaruepol started opening up and pinned Lucas to the ropes on several occasions.

In Round Nine, Sithnaruepol landed a good left that opened a cut over the right eyebrow of the Filipino. Lucas kept fighting, but was bleeding profusely. Midway through the 11th, ringside physician Yuth Potharamich examined Lucas' gory cut and stopped the fight.

No TKO for Sithnaruepol was declared. Instead, a technical decision was the result, Sithnaruepol winning by being ahead on the cards of two judges, Indonesia's Jacob Lemahelu (98-96) and Thailand's Nipon Larnlue (98-97). Filipino judge Alejandro Francisco had his countryman in front, 98-95, and he appeared correct as Lucas seemed to pile up more points due to his early domination.

Sithnaruepol, the 11th world titleholder from Thailand, bettered his log to 32-11-1 with 17 knockouts, while Lucas is 21-1 with five KOs.
(3-24-88)

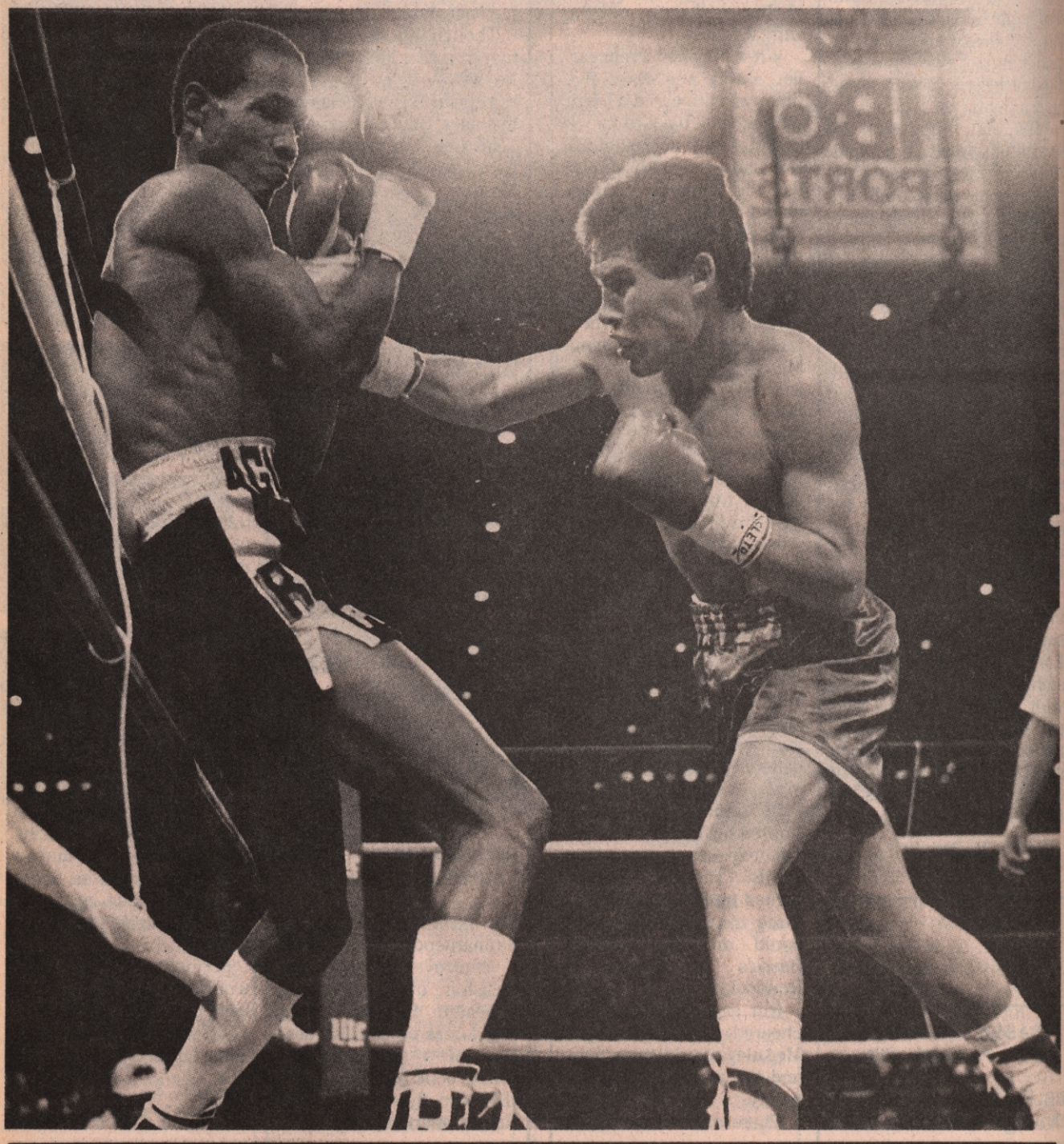
JOE KOIZUMI

JULIO CESAR

Mexico's Brightest Star Heads For Showdown With Ramirez

by Jack Welsh

Photos by Chris Farina



WBA lightweight king Julio Cesar Chavez has Panamanian Rodolfo Aguilar on the ropes and in trouble during their scheduled 12-rounder for Chavez's belt. The Mexican hero stopped his shifty challenger in Round Six, showing a live crowd of over 6,000 at the Las Vegas Hilton and HBO's television audience why he is considered one of today's top talents.

Chavez is a happy warrior after turning back the challenge of Rodolfo Aguilar. The impressive showing was his 58th straight victory and 49th knockout since turning pro.

CHAVEZ... THE KID FROM CULIACAN

TOO BAD JOSE LUIS RAMIREZ DIDN'T have time for a breather in Las Vegas last spring. The Mexican-born World Boxing Council lightweight champion might have found a new twist on how not to motivate Julio Cesar Chavez, who is Ramirez's counterpart as the World Boxing Association's top man.

Of course, the 29-year-old Ramirez has adopted France as his home base and there isn't much in this world more intriguing than April in Paris; not even watching the charismatic Chavez enhance his position as one of boxing's premier celebrities.

Besides, Ramirez and Chavez were once stablemates south of the border. By now Jose Luis probably feels the book is full on his away-from-the ring compadre, the Latin duo having sparred hundreds of rounds when tutor Ramon Felix was preparing them for other opponents.

Ramirez also had to figure there was no rush to jet across the Atlantic after his controversial split decision over Pernell Whitaker in March. August wasn't that far away and promoter Don King was practically drooling in tabbing the "dog's day" month as the time when two-thirds of the 135-pound crown would be unified with Chavez and Ramirez meeting outdoors at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

What Ramirez missed unfolded 72 hours before Chavez made the first defense of the WBA laurels he won last November with a spectacular stoppage of annihilated Edwin Rosario in an outdoor arena at the Hilton.

The 25-year-old Personality Kid from Culiacan, Mexico and his entourage were returning to the scene of Julio Cesar's greatest triumph to await the challenge of Panama's Rodolfo Aguilar, a fresh face who advanced to the WBC's top contendership without ever leaving the Carribean.

Commitments elsewhere kept King out of town for the final media session with the principals in the Hilton's sprawling convention area. Dandy Don wasn't missed. Ego notwithstanding, the promoter would have agreed considering the unrehearsed scenario.

Aguilar, all six-feet of him, came to the dais with 20-1, 10 KOs credentials and manager/trainer Luis Spada to translate. The lithe challenger also unrolled a multi-colored life-sized poster of Chavez, who, at 5 ft. 7 in., looked even smaller sitting down to Aguilar's left and looking up.

Presenting the poster as a gift to the champion, Aguilar surprised the assembly (heavy with Mexican and Latin-American press) when he ripped it into small pieces and dropped it in front of Chavez.

The piece with Julio Cesar's choirboy good looks on it was undamaged. Chavez grabbed the pen, scribbling: "To Rodolfo, with my love," and handed it back to his antagonist.

Chavez, with his dark eyes narrowing, told the laughing audience: "I think that Rodolfo Aguilar shouldn't have broken such a beautiful picture. He should have only said that he felt bad for me, not broken the picture. Now I know he doesn't have good feeling for me. Aguilar is going to pay for that."

Aguilar, who celebrated his 23rd birthday back in Panama City May 8, had rolled into Las Vegas a week before the scheduled 12-round title bout with a reputation of being a pretty fair high school southpaw pitcher, good enough to force a decision whether it would be boxing or baseball. Rodolfo decided to throw punches rather than strikes. When he wasn't winning a few dollars on the Hilton's quarter slot machines, Aguilar stoically insisted to everyone in sight he was going to turn Chavez into a catcher.

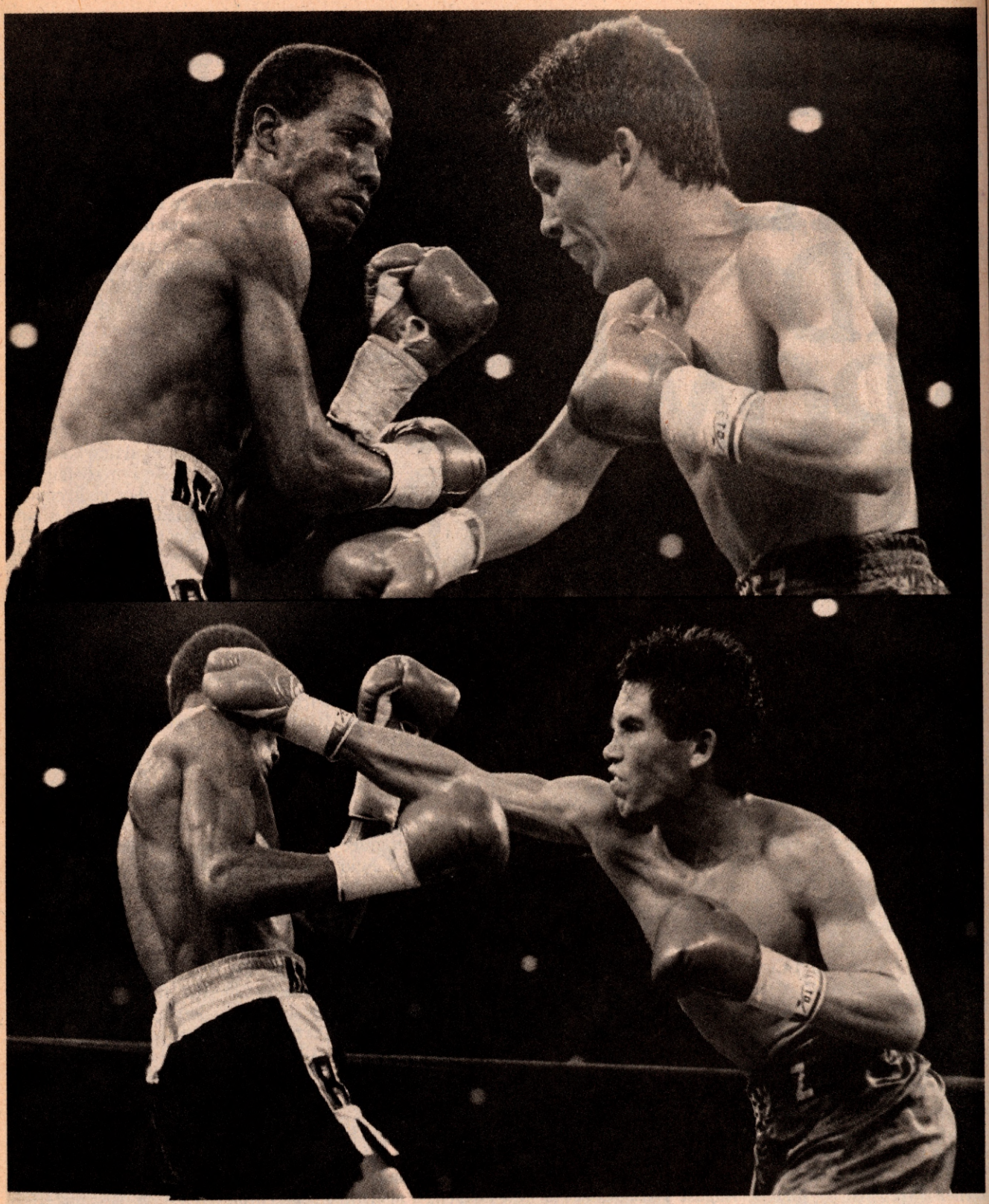
Aguilar may have compounded the friction in the countdown to the fight, calling Chavez "an ordinary fighter in beating Rosario. And no different than some of the others I've beaten. If he thinks he's the greatest, he'll have to beat me to prove it. No way Chavez can do that."

In all honesty, neither the shredded poster nor Aguilar's translated barbs were of serious consequence in triggering Chavez's dedication to move to his 58th straight victory and 49th knockout since 1980.

A crowd of 6,248, creating a $986,850 gate in the Hilton Center, probably sensed the judges' official ballots would not be necessary well before Chavez's patience and punch methodically prepared Aguilar for a six-round ending on a technical knockout.

Chavez, seven inches shorter and minus four in reach at 66⅛ inches, was fearless fighting out of a semi-crouch, dipping artfully with head and shoulder feints while alternately punching effectively to the head and body.

Aguilar wasn't in awe of the champion, scoring with two good right uppercuts midway through the opening round and using combination counters



(Top) Though he was in over his head with only 21 pro bouts to his credit, Aguilar showed no fear and often traded punches with Chavez. However, he simply didn't have the guns to keep the champion at bay.

(Bottom) Aguilar (left) showed a slippery defense, avoiding some of Chavez's blows with clever head movement. But overall, the volume of leather coming his way was overwhelming.

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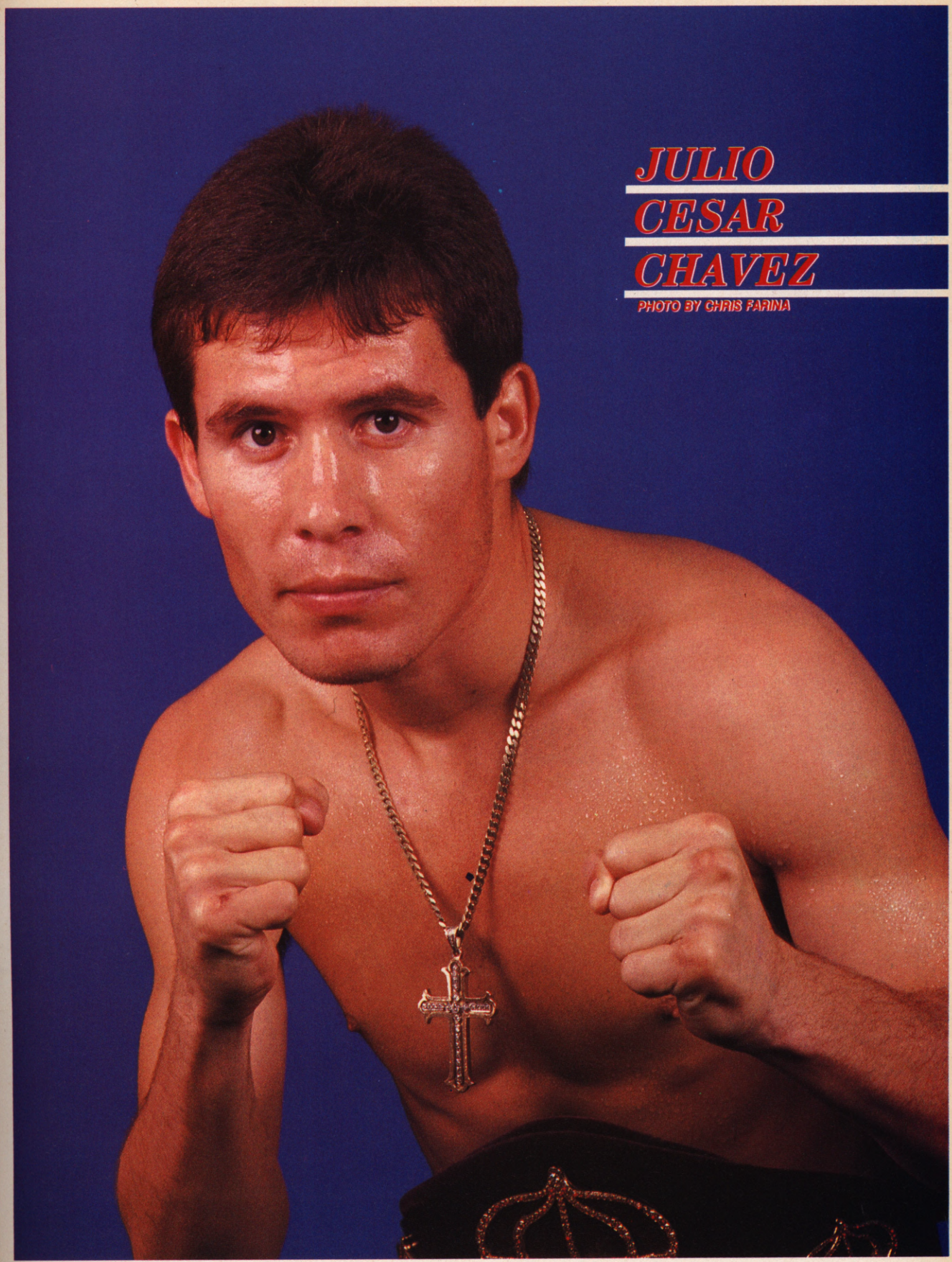
JULIO
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The RING RATINGS AS OF MAY 3, 1988

HEAVYWEIGHTS (No Weight Limit) WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS	Missouri
1. Mike Tyson	New York
2. Evander Holyfield	Georgia
3. Tim Witherspoon	Pennsylvania
4. Tony Tucker	Michigan
5. Carl Williams	New York
6. Pinklon Thomas	Michigan
7. Adilson Rodrigues	Brazil
8. Trevor Berbick	Florida
9. Donovan Ruddock	Canada
10. Johnny Du Plooy	South Africa

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS (Not Over 175 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Charles Williams	Ohio
2. Virgil Hill	North Dakota
3. Bobby Czyz	New Jersey
4. Leslie Stewart	Trinidad
5. Dennis Andries	England
6. Tony Willis	Illinois
7. Don Lalonde	Canada
8. Chong-Pal Park	Korea
9. Lindell Holmes	Michigan
10. Ramzi Hassan	California

MIDDLEWEIGHTS (Not Over 160 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Thomas Hearns	Michigan
2. Sumbu Kalambay	Italy
3. Frank Tate	Texas
4. Marvin Hagler	Massachusetts
5. Michael Nunn	California
6. Iran Barkley	New York
7. Mike McCallum	Jamaica
8. Matthew Hilton	*Canada*
9. Herol Graham	*England*
10. Gianfranco Rosi	*Italy*

WELTERWEIGHTS (Not Over 147 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN	England
1. Marlon Starling	Connecticut
2. Simon Brown	Washington, D.C.
3. Maurice Blocker	Washington, D.C.
4. Mark Breland	New York
5. Jorge Vaca	Mexico
6. Rollin Williams	Arizona
7. Juan Martin Coggi	Argentina
8. Roger Mayweather	Nevada
9. James McGirt	New York
10. Meldrick Taylor	Pennsylvania

LIGHTWEIGHTS (Not Over 135 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Julio Cesar Chavez	Mexico
2. Greg Haugen	Washington
3. Pernell Whitaker	Virginia
4. Jose Luis Ramirez	Mexico
5. Edwin Rosario	Puerto Rico
6. Vinny Pazienza	Rhode Island
7. Rocky Lockridge	New Jersey
8. Amancio Castro	Colombia
9. Primo Ramos	Mexico
10. Lupe Suarez	Texas

FEATHERWEIGHTS (Not Over 126 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA	Venezuela
1. Jeff Fenech	Australia
2. Calvin Grove	Pennsylvania
3. Bernardo Pinango	Venezuela
4. Jeff Franklin	Nevada
5. Hector Lopez	Mexico
6. Marcos Villasana	Mexico
7. Victor Callejas	Puerto Rico
8. Steve Cruz	Texas
9. Julio Gervacio	Puerto Rico
10. Louie Espinoza	Arizona

BANTAMWEIGHTS (Not Over 118 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

TITLE VACANT	
1. Miguel Lora	Colombia
2. Kaosai Galaxy	Thailand
3. Kelvin Seabrooks	South Carolina
4. Gilberto Roman	Mexico
5. Raul Perez	Mexico
6. Wilfredo Vasquez	Puerto Rico
7. Santos Laciar	Argentina
8. Sugar Baby Rojas	Colombia
9. Takuya Muguruma	Japan
10. Kenny Mitchell	Florida

FLYWEIGHTS (Not Over 112 Pounds) WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA	Thailand
1. Jung-Koo Chang	Korea
2. Fidel Bassa	Colombia
3. Myung-Woo Yuh	Korea
4. Hilario Zapata	Panama
5. Rolando Bohol	Philippines
6. Gabriel Bernal	Mexico
7. Dodie Penalosa	Philippines
8. Paul Gonzales	California
9. Benedicto Murillo	Panama
10. Duke McKenzie	England

The RING CALENDAR AUGUST 1988

1 **MONDAY**
1952—Trevor Berbick born in Jamaica.

2 **TUESDAY**
1791—Daniel Mendoza, first Jewish champion and 16th heavyweight champion of England, beats Squire Fitzgerald in 26 minutes.

3 **WEDNESDAY**
1974—Carlos DeLeon KO4 Roy Harry in St. Thomas, DeLeon's pro debut.

4 **THURSDAY**
1955—Gerry Coetzee born in South Africa.

5 **FRIDAY**
1931—Maxie Rosenbloom W15 Jimmy Slattery, retains world light heavyweight championship in Ebbets Field, Brooklyn.

6 **SATURDAY**
1966—Muhammad Ali KO3 Brian London, retains world heavyweight championship in London.

7 **SUNDAY**
1982—Dwight Braxton TKO6 Matthew Saad Muhammad, retains world light heavyweight championship in Philadelphia.

8 **MONDAY**
1939—Former world junior middleweight champion Denny Moyer born in Portland, Oregon.

9 **TUESDAY**
1943—Ken Norton born in Jacksonville, Illinois.

10 **WEDNESDAY**
1743—First Prize Ring Rules — Broughton's Rules — for bareknuckle bouts.

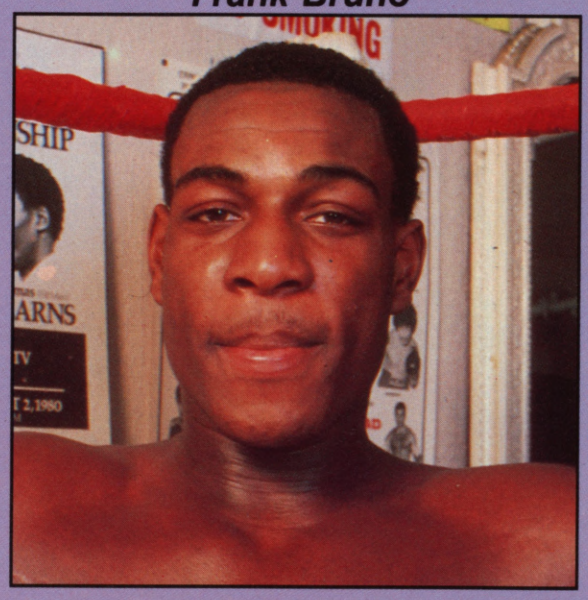
11 **THURSDAY**
1954—Archie Moore KO14 Harold Johnson, retains light heavyweight championship in New York. Round 14, *The Ring's* Round Of The Year.

12 **FRIDAY**
1955—Ossie Ocasio born in Puerto Rico.

13 **SATURDAY**
1900—James "Rube" Ferns TKO15 Eddie Connolly, wins world welterweight championship in Buffalo.

14 **SUNDAY**
1903—James J. Corbett first boxer to use oxygen in corner in heavyweight championship bout against James Jeffries in San Francisco. It doesn't help; Jeffries KO10.

Frank Bruno



15 **MONDAY**
1966—Jose Torres W15 Eddie Cotton, retains world light heavyweight championship in *The Ring's* Fight Of The Year in Las Vegas.

16 **TUESDAY**
1965—Joe Frazier KO1 Woody Goss in Philadelphia. Frazier's pro debut.

17 **WEDNESDAY**
1951—Former world middleweight champion Alan Minter born in England.

18 **THURSDAY**
1958—Floyd Patterson TKO12 Roy Harris, retains world heavyweight championship in Los Angeles.

19 **FRIDAY**
1926—Tiger Flowers W15 Harry Greb, retains world middleweight championship in Madison Square Garden. Greb's last fight.

20 **SATURDAY**
1954—Bobo Olson W15 Rocky Castellani, retains world middleweight championship in San Francisco.

21 **SUNDAY**
1964—Johnny Persol meets Henry Hank, ending 20-year run of boxing televised by Gillete from Madison Square Garden.

22 **MONDAY**
1933—First televised bout of any kind, an exhibition between Archie Sexton and Laurie Raiteri in London.

23 **TUESDAY**
1984—Former NBA middleweight titleholder Freddie Steele dies in Washington at age 72.

24 **WEDNESDAY**
1908—Tommy Burns KO13 Bill Squires, retains world heavyweight championship in Australia.

25 **THURSDAY**
1950—Ray Robinson retains Pennsylvania world middleweight title with 52-second KO of Jose Basora in Scranton.

26 **FRIDAY**
1851—Tom Spring, bareknuckle heavyweight champion of England, dies in London.

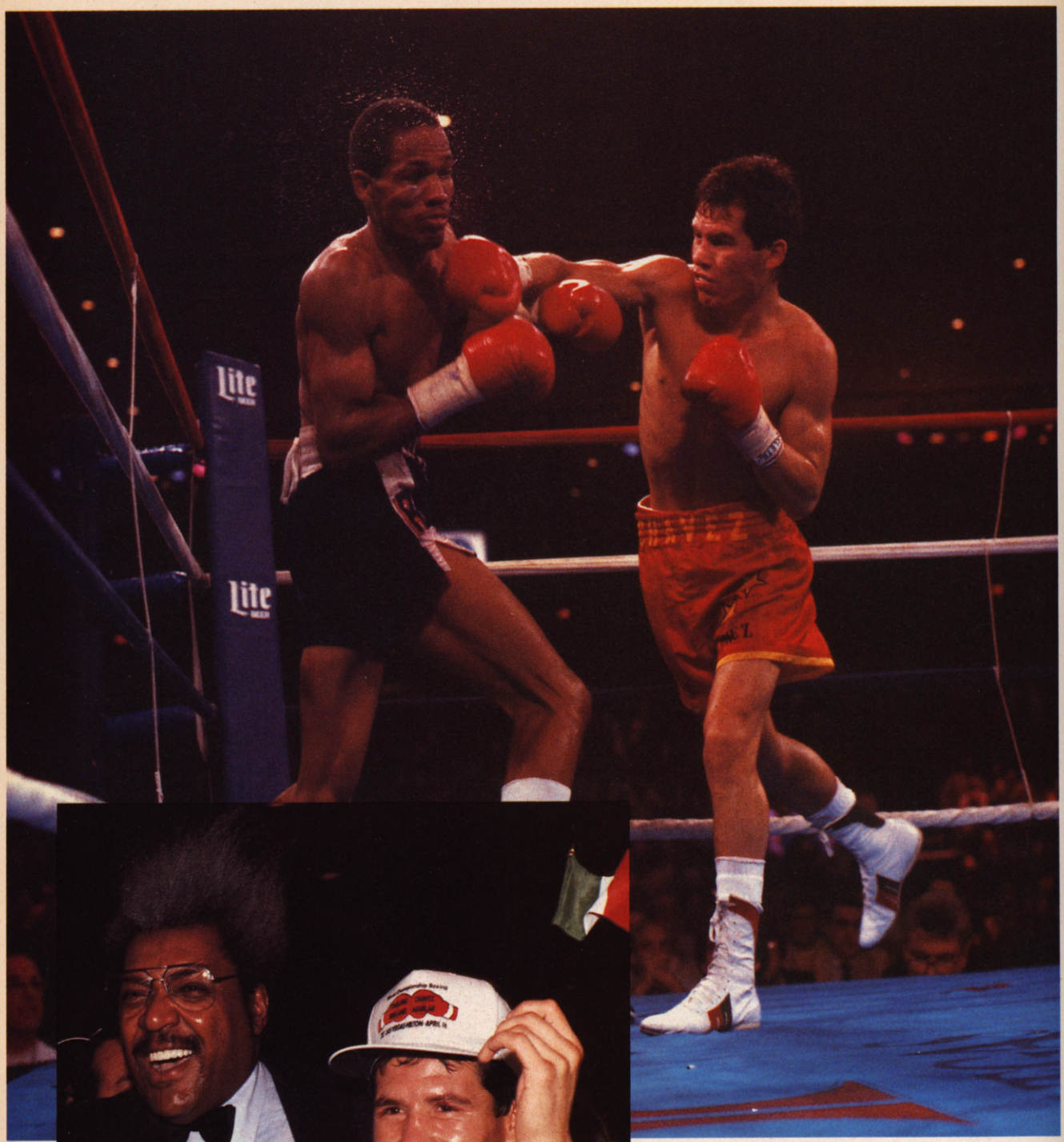
27 **SATURDAY**
1965—At age 52, former world light heavyweight champion Archie Moore ends a two-year retirement by making his last ring appearance against Nap Mitchell.

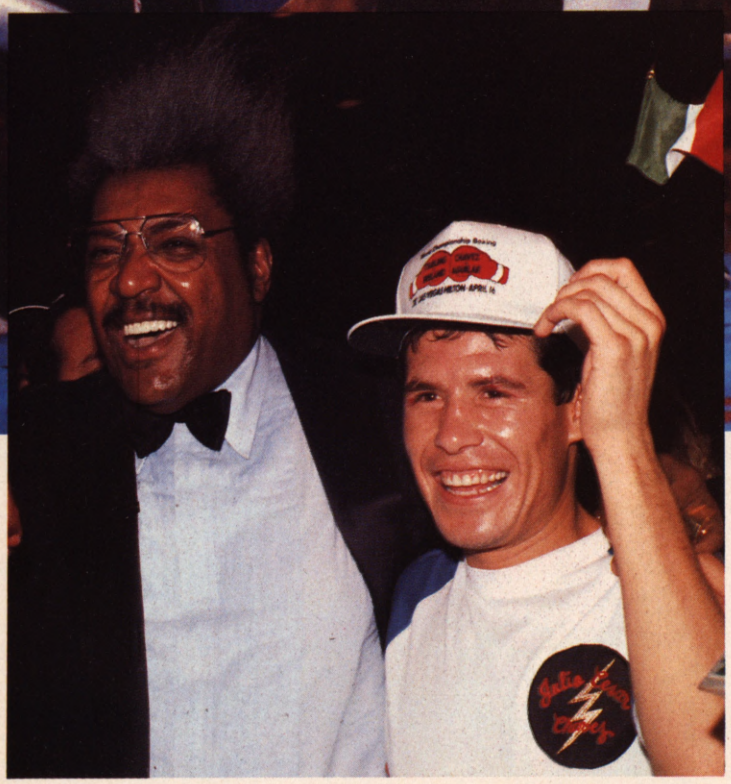
28 **SUNDAY**
1959—Gene Fullmer KO14 Carmen Basilio, wins vacant NBA middleweight title in *The Ring's* Fight Of The Year.

29 **MONDAY**
1977—Carlos Monzon announces retirement after almost seven years as world middleweight champion.

30 **TUESDAY**
1937—Joe Louis W15 Tommy Farr, retains world heavyweight championship in Yankee Stadium.

31 **WEDNESDAY**
1969—Rocky Marciano dies at age 46 in airplane crash near Newton, Iowa.





Top. Undefeated Julio Cesar Chavez (red trunks) connects with a right to the head of challenger Rodolfo Aguilar on his way to a sixth-round TKO victory in defense of the WBA lightweight title in Las Vegas.

Left. Promoter Don King has big plans for Chavez, including a bout with WBC lightweight boss Jose Luis Ramirez.

PHOTOS BY CHRIS FARINA

CHAVEZ...

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to keep the action at midring. However, before the first intermission, the willing Panamanian learned Chavez was anything but ordinary.

With seven seconds left in the first round, Chavez snapped off a right-left and threw another short right which dropped Aguilar flat on his back for only the third time in a six-year career. Rodolfo, with nose bloodied, fell near his own corner and scampered to his feet before referee Richard Steele could start a count at the bell.

Despite an instant two-point deficit, Aguilar didn't lose his poise while applying caution in what was clearly hostile surroundings (Don't forget Panama's would-be dictator General Noriega was still making negative international headlines). Early in the second round, Chavez, 135, drove Aguilar, 134½, across the ring with a booming right. Still, Aguilar was not a stationary target, but up on his toes and punching down at the ever-forward champion. The rivals traded thunderous rights at mid-ring and, fighting on the inside, Chavez picked up a pencil-thin slice on his forehead when the challenger accidentally butted. It would never be a factor in the outcome.

Judges Art Lurie and Patricia Jarman, both of Las Vegas, gave Aguilar the second round, but a more accurate appraisal of Rodolfo's handiwork came when Lurie and Lou Tabat, another Vegas veteran, awarded the import the third. Aguilar either missed or landed the heavier punches, including almost catching the referee just before the bell.

Chavez, making his fifth pro appearance in the famed oasis of chance, was such a strong favorite, Nevada's licensed oddsmakers had to settle on a proposition of the fight going or not going six full rounds — either way at 6-5.

The champion began making the "under" bettors happy in the fifth round. Aguilar appeared tentative with his tapping jabs and Chavez tipped the beginning of the end when he buckled Aguilar's knees with a left-right to the jaw. Chavez had his tiring adversary wilting badly under a left and two rights just before the bell.

Aguilar came out of the torment with a slight cut over his left cheekbone, but the worst was yet to come. Chavez started quickly in the sixth round, anxious to prove his first venture with a lefthander was just another day at the office. Julio Cesar turned Rodolfo's head sideways with two radar left hooks before missing a left-right. The champion then delivered a mean left to the body and came up with a jolting right to the jaw. Chavez's punishment was unanswered at this juncture.

Aguilar was trying to back up when Chavez caught him with two rights, the second a clothesline shot which spun the contender sideways. Chavez had a right cocked, but held the punch when Aguilar seemed to topple slow-motion in sections, his mouthpiece rolling out of the ring.

Fight aficionados were wrong if they thought Aguilar would be duck soup for Chavez. However, it was a bowl of fish soup which threatened to cause the champion some serious distress during the bout.

Twisting to land face down on the canvas, Aguilar, with eyes glazed, rose gallantly on instinct as Steele tolled "eight." However, Spada and his aides were on the ring apron, ready to come through the ropes if the referee hadn't wrapped his arms around the bewildered fighter for a TKO at 1:13 of the sixth round.

Spada, who until recently had been handling Roberto Duran in the twilight of his once-brilliant career, admitted "Aguilar had taken enough punishment.

"Rodolfo is young, a top talent with a future, and there was no reason for him to get hurt. I was waving at Steele to stop it and if he hadn't, I was going to jump into the ring."

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"I included the soup in my morning meal and my stomach obviously didn't like it. My biggest worry was I might have an attack of diarrhea in the ring. I didn't start feeling bad until just before the fight, but that is not an excuse. Fortunately, nothing happened," Chavez said through interpreter Juan Sanchez.

Smiling and unmarked, Chavez sounded like a P.R. man for King in the post-fight review:

"Don King has great plans for me and I'm happy to be with him. He gave me my first opportunity (winning the WBC super featherweight title in 1984) and a chance to be a champion in another division. I want to win four titles and moving up to 140 pounds will be no problem."

Dandy Don was doing his shtick and the Latin American journalists, in particular, appeared to be hanging on every word.

"Ah, yes ... Julio Cesar Chavez, one of the greatest of champions. I was watching Sugar Ray Leonard (part of HBO's television announcing crew) during the fight and it was clear his fancy was titillated by Julio's performance. Leonard has been in training and with mucho dinero to be made, Sugar Ray could come down to 147 because he's a natural welterweight."

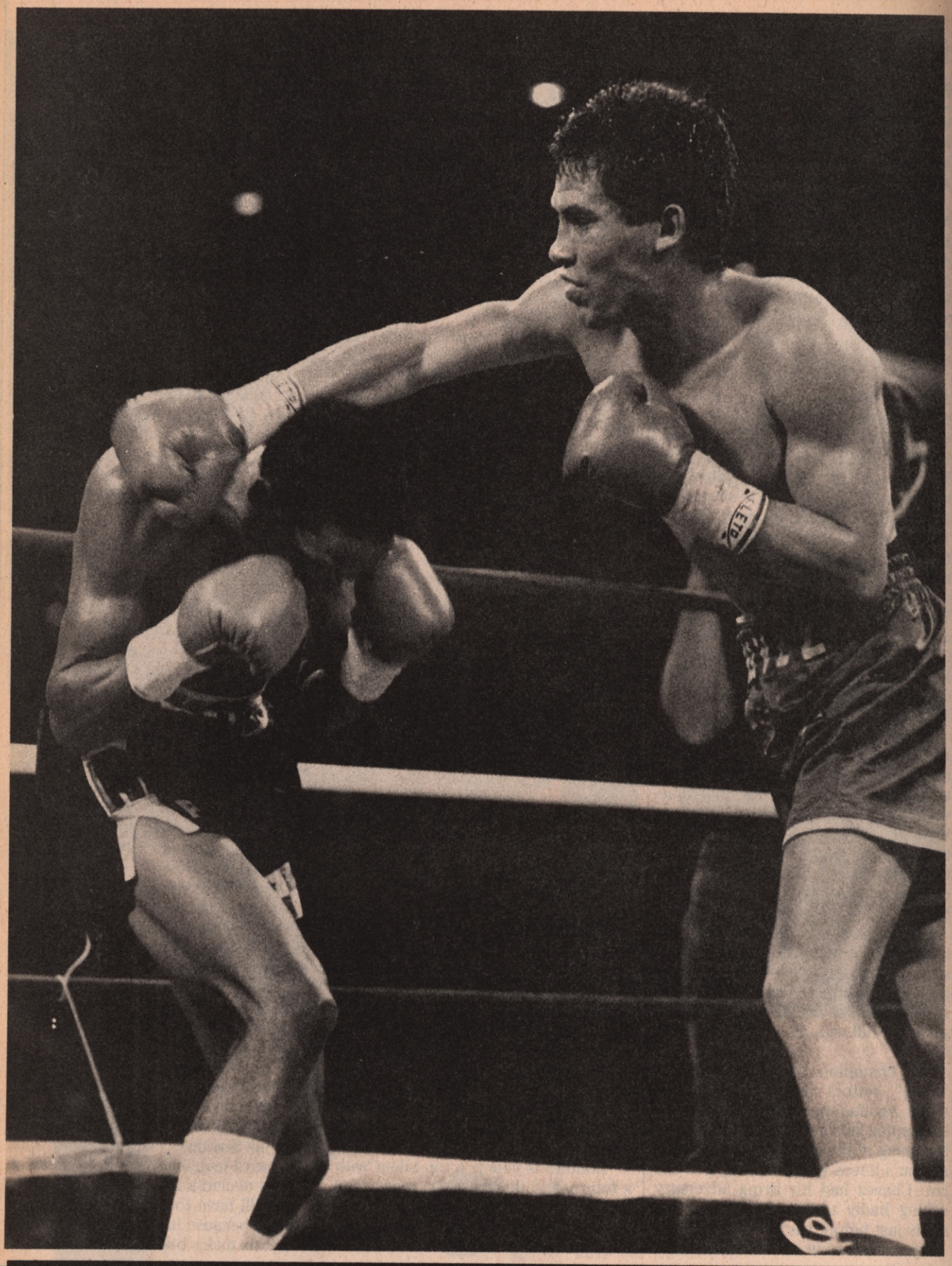
Without losing a breath, King moved from the ridiculous to the more logical in outlining Chavez's future under the big man's direction.

"Before anything, Chavez wants to unify the lightweight title and that means Jose Luis Ramirez here in August. We feel good about fighting at the Hilton. John Givenco (the Hilton's top executive with a penchant for world class boxing) has pockets full of money and he's willing to spend for premier attractions," the promoter said.

"I sat with Chavez to watch Marlon Starling keep his WBA welterweight title on a draw with Mark Breland and immediately after the fight, Julio said, 'Get me Starling ... he's my size.'"

Chavez laughingly shook his head at King's declaration:

"I will have to think more into this matter because it is a very big jump. I want to make big money and if Don



This right went over the top of Aguilar's head, but more than enough were on target and Rodolfo was taking a pasting when rescued 1:13 into the sixth round.

King gives me big money, I would even fight Mike Tyson."

Even before he had finished training for Aguilar, Chavez was talking to manager Cristobal Rosas about a showdown with Ramirez. Julio Cesar is no orphan, but Rosas looks upon him as a son. The night Chavez dethroned Rosario there were tears in the squat little man's eyes. Rosas also had guided the late Salvador Sanchez to the WBC featherweight crown before his tragic death in an auto crash in August, 1982.

"Watching Julio against Rosario, I got the same feeling I had the night Sanchez destroyed Wilfredo Gomez (Aug. 21, 1981) in eight rounds at Caesars Palace. It was perfection," Rosas reported through translation.

Ten days before the first bell for Aguilar, the engaging champion told the media:

"I'm fighting where the money is. Everybody in Mexico is talking about a fight with Ramirez. I'll consider moving up to 140, but that wouldn't happen until maybe November. First, I want to know I'm the best lightweight in the world.

"Some people say a fight with Ramirez may be worth one or two million dollars. I don't talk about money because I might slip and say something smaller than they (the promoters) have in mind."

Chavez, in the past, always seemed to sidestep conversation about meeting Ramirez, perhaps because they are countrymen and former stablemates in Mexico where Ramirez turned pro at 14 as a flyweight.

"When I was champion as a super featherweight, I was always chasing after Hector Camacho, but he wouldn't give me a chance. All my people wanted to see Camacho and Chavez. Now they're talking about me and Ramirez. We're in the same business, so in the ring as opponents, we fight. Outside the ring, we are still friends, regardless of the winner," Chavez said.

"Ramirez would be tough because of his great experience. Aguilar was tall and a southpaw, the first I ever fought. Ramirez is also lefthanded, but he's my size and he's slow. Jose will be no problem. I really have no preference who I fight, or where. Whoever the promoter tells me to fight, I'll fight as long as the money is right. Of course, from now on, I want big money."

Chavez earned $200,000 for taking out Aguilar while the latter picked up $71,500, suffering his second loss (and first kayo) outside of Panama.

"Chavez is a great champion, very strong, the best in the division. He'll beat Ramirez," the courageous Aguilar admitted. "I didn't feel too bad on the first knockdown, but in the sixth round, I accepted them stopping the fight. I wanted to box Chavez, but he was cutting off the ring so well, there was nothing I could do."

Chavez and his connections may be satisfied with two-thirds of the lightweight crown and then move on to the super lightweight division. Greg Haugen, the International Boxing Federation ruler out of Las Vegas, apparently lost immediate consideration in the title sweepstakes when he received serious eye cuts retaining his laurels on a technical decision in the 11th round after being butted by Miguel Santana in Tacoma, Washington.

"Chavez is a great champion, very strong, the best in the division. He'll beat Ramirez," the courageous Aguilar admitted. "I didn't feel too bad on the first knockdown, but in the sixth round, I accepted them stopping the fight."

"I'd have no objection meeting Haugen, but I don't think Don King would pay me the kind of money I'd want for that fight," Chavez explained.

Though gaining momentum as an international superstar, Chavez has deep family ties in Culiacan, where the population has soared from 358,000 to half a million since Rodolfo and Isabelita Chavez and their 10 children (Julio Cesar is the fourth born) arrived from Ciudad Obregon in the state of Sonora. Being a career brakeman on a railroad, papa Chavez received a transfer order he couldn't refuse.

"I will always live in Culiacan, because my whole life has been down there. Besides I have a lot of girls down there," laughed the handsome fist fighter who is in his fifth year as husband of the former Alba Amalia Carrasco, 23, who is also the mother of their two-year-old son, Julio Jr.

"I started fighting before I was a minute old. I came in a fighter. Every day a man saw me fighting on the streets, so he took me to the gym. I didn't want to go, but I started in boxing because of my two older brothers, Rodolfo Jr. and Rafael. I once studied civil engineering for a while at the State University in Sinaloa, but we were too poor and I quit to box."

Like previous Mexican immortals, notably Ruben Olivares, Jose Napoles and Sanchez, Chavez has attracted the attention of movie makers in Mexico City.

"Back home they've offered me lots of movies, but I reject them because I am a boxer ... that is my profession. They also want me to be the main attraction in soap operas on TV, which I like to watch very much. But I have to take care of the business of being a champion first, and then later do other things. The world is getting to know me, but it's no big deal. I'm the same guy. I'm also proud and human too."

Chavez is delighted with his growing celebrity and affluence, but it hasn't altered his hat size.

"When people say I'm the best lightweight in the world, it makes me get going, but I don't think I'm the best fighter in the world. I leave it to the press and the fanatics to see what I do. What I try to do is give the best in me to keep everybody happy. I didn't know much about Rodolfo Aguilar, so I trained three months because I didn't want any surprises. Tall and lefthanded ... that's dangerous because I'd never seen him before."

Considering his finely chiseled features seem more Anglo than Latin, Chavez is always amazed the way the populace of Culiacan, as well as the nation, pays homage, almost a daily ritual comparing him with legends of the past such as Olivares, Napoles and Sanchez.

"Naturally, I'm grateful, but if they think I'm a hero, they should meet my father," Chavez informed. "You can go anywhere in Culiacan and ask people about Rodolfo Chavez. He won't talk about it, but my father has been a railroad man all his life. And a few years ago, he showed more courage than anybody I know when he helped pull a train load of explosives out of town just when they were ready to go off. Luckily, nobody was hurt. Now that's what I call a real hero." □

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**INGLEWOOD** — Inglewood Forum — **Terry Norris,** 154, Campo, improved his record to 16-2 with 11 knockouts, stopping Portland, Oregon veteran Clayton Hires, 153½, at 1:14 of the second round of a scheduled 10.

The 20-year-old Norris used the first roiund to size up Hires, then flattened him early in the second frame with a right uppercut. Hires beat the count, but Norris was all over him, dropping him again at which time the bout was stopped without a count.

On the undercard, **Carlos Ramiro**, 122, Caracas, Venezuela, knocked out **Harold Petty,** 122, St. Louis, in the seventh round.

Jorge Ramirez, 121, Los Angeles, knocked out Jorge Diaz, 121½, San Jose, in five.

Les Fabri, 124, Las Vegas, won a six-round decision over Juvenal Molina, 124, Los Angeles.

Carlos Vargas, 130½, Lynwood, knocked out Ben Lopez, 131, Upland, in the first.

Promoter: Forum Boxing.

(3-28-88)

▶**SANTA CLARA** — Marriot Hotel — The unbeaten run of Tyler, Texas lightweight David Swift came to a close when he was stopped by San Jose's David Gonzales in the eighth round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

Going in, Swift, 135, was 16-0 with 13 KOs, while Gonzales, also 135, was 16-1-1 with 12 knockouts.

Gonzales was the aggressor from the outset, scoring well with his jab and punches to the body of the circling Swift. In the second, Gonzales scored with a good right that stunned Swift, and Swift was penalized a point for holding in Round Three.

As Gonzales continued wearing down Swift, the end became inevitable. Finally, in the eighth, Swift was hurt by a right and backed against the ropes, covering up. Gonzales kept applying punishment, and the match was stopped at 1:34.

When the bout ended, Gonzales held a clear edge on all three cards, 70-63 (twice) and 69-64.

Gerardo Martinez, 122, San Jose, knocked out Kirk Bocook, 122, Olympia, Washington, in the first.

Pat Lawlor, 151, San Francisco, won a four-round decision over Joel Gonzalez, 151, Los Angeles.

Modesto Guzman, 147, San Jose, and Robert Trevino, 146, Tyler, Texas, drew over four.

Promoter: Star Boxing.

(4-1-88)

▶**IRVINE** — Marriott Hotel — Walter Santemore knew his opponent, Mike White, would present "big" problems. After all, White is seven-feet tall and weighs 280 pounds. But Santemore didn't expect White's big elbows to be his downfall.

"It wasn't the punch," Santemore told Jay Lawrence of *The Register* after White scored a five-round TKO in their scheduled 10. "He hit me with an elbow. I was blocking nearly everything he was throwing, but he's got big elbows."

White, who scord his 15th KO in a 21-6 record, countered Santemore's wild, overhand right with a straight right to the jaw that dropped Santemore, 236, in the fifth. Santemore beat the count, but was hurt again by a left hook to the body, and White backed him into a corner where he put Santemore down again. When Santemore refused to stay down, White put a few more combinations together and the match was stopped at 2:08.

"My plan was to throw more punches, more combinations," White told Lawrence. "I've still got a lot of work to do, but the knockouts will come by throwing more punches. People tend to believe that someone my size should be knocking everybody out in the first or second round. But if you go in there waiting to stop somebody with that one punch, you'll be in there all night."

Rudy Hernandez returned after a two-year absence only to suffer his second loss in 17 fights when he was stopped at 2:52 of the third round by San Diego's Drafton Bunch. A right by Bunch broke Hernandez' jaw and knocked him down early in the third. The bout continued, but Hernandez' corner threw in the towel as the Los Angeles battler continued to receive a pounding.

Fresno light heavyweight Terry Vernor knocked down Long Beach's Larry Dupree at the close of the second round, then finished him at 2:37 of the third.

Bantamweights Johnny Tapia of Albuquerque and Efren Chavez of Los Angeles fought to a draw.

In a battle between Los Angeles featherweights, Rayford Smith knocked out Mike Rodriguez in the third.

Promoter: Don Fraser.

(3-28-88)

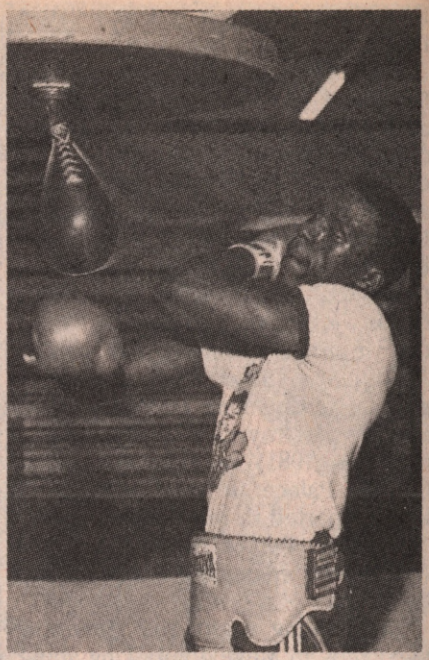
▶**LOS ANGELES** — Sports Arena — Looking forward to a title defense against Harold Brazier, WBC super lightweight titleholder **Roger Mayweather** had little trouble disposing of challenger Mauricio Aceves in the third round of their scheduled 12.

Aceves, Mexico, was floored for a count of eight by a first-round right hand. Aceves rallied some in the second, but Mayweather's jab and right hand were both on the mark. At the end of the round, the ringside physician examined Aceves, who was bleeding from the left ear.

A right to the temple dropped Aceves again in the third, and he was counted out by referee Chuck Hassett at 1:32.

Mayweather, Las Vegas, was making the first defense of his title, which he won by stopping Mexico Rene Arredondo.

On the undercard, Mexican featherweight **Marcos Villasana** flattened former WBC super bantamweight titleholder **Jaime Garza** in the fifth round of a scheduled 10.



WBC super lightweight boss Roger Mayweather defended his crown with a third-round kayo over Mexican challenger Mauricio Aceves in Los Angeles.

Bennie Georgino, Garza's manager, didn't wait for his charge to be counted out, coming into the ring as soon as Garza went down. The time was 1:43.

The 28-year-old Garza, of Los Angeles, was dropped by Villasana's left hook in the first and again in the second. But each time Garza came back to wobble Villasana, and the two stood and battered each other in Round Four as the crowd roared.

(3-24-88)

▶**SACRAMENTO**—Lightweight **Tony Lopez** stopped Canadian **Tony Pep** in the third round of their scheduled 10-rounder.

Lopez dropped Pep in the second and third rounds before the match was called at 2:48.

The victory left Lopez 29-1 with 22 KOs.

(3-25-88)

▶**SAN DIEGO**—Veteran **James Kinchen,** fighting as a light heavyweight, stopped Ricky Locke in the third round.

(3-17-88)

▶**FRESNO**—Heavyweight **Avery Rawls** made his first start since losing to Orlin Norris a quick one, stopping Oregon's Jim Ashard in the first round.

Ashard, who drew with Leon Spinks last August, provided no competition and the bout was stopped in just 2:52.

(3-14-88)

▶**SAN FRANCISCO**—Heavyweight Terry Davis notched his 12th KO in a 13-0-1 record by stopping Robert Obey in three rounds.

Davis was unimpressive, but did score some strong body shots, one of which left Obey with a broken rib.

Davis had recently attended the funeral of his mother, who died the week before the fight.

(3-12-88)

FLORIDA

▶**ORLANDO** — Victorio Belcher became the new Pan American champion with a third-round knockout of Ozzie O'Neal in a sensational bout.

Belcher, of South Bend, Indiana, weighed 137, while O'Neal, of Youngstown, Ohio, scaled 139½ for the scheduled 12.

Chris Calvin, 138¼, Nashville, knocked out Sebastian Wilburn, 139, Benton Harbor, Michigan, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Mobile, Alabama's Paul Dewberry, 138, stopped Richmond, Kentucky's Chuck Knapp, 141, in the fourth and final round.

Youngstown, Ohio's Robert Briggs, 145¼, won a unanimous, four-round decision over Rocko Coleman, 146½, Mobile, Alabama.

Mobile's Bo Hammach, 136½, won a majority, four-round decision over Manchester, Kentucky's Marty Wolfe, 137.

Tim Lee, 124, Port Charlotte, Florida, stopped Mobile's Rodney Banks, 124¼, in the third of a scheduled four.

Promoter: World Class Promotions.
Physician: Mark Kern.
Referees: Frank Santore & Taco Perez.
Timekeepers: Dick Howroyd & Mark Skilbred.
Judges: Joe Thornton, Tony Palermo & Dan Radiovich.
(4-2-88)

ILLINOIS

▶**MELROSE PARK**—Melrose Park Civic Center—What was originally scheduled as a homecoming showcase for undefeated Louie Lomeli (20-0, 17 KOs) resulted in the Illinois state lightweight champion's stablemates Jake Carollo, Bobby Hitz and Sammy Matos picking up the victory slack when Lomeli was sidelined with a 103-degree fever.

Carollo, 141, Franklin Park, headlined the six-bout card and picked up his biggest victory as a pro, dominating veteran Efrain Nieves, 142, Milwaukee, over eight rounds. The decision was unanimous and only Nieves' experience kept him in the bout after being dropped in the second round.

Now campaigning at welterweight, Carollo (7-1) was in good shape, paced himself and handled the former lightweight contender with ease. He had little trouble with his first southpaw, utilizing a good jab and body shots to control the action.

About the only similarities between undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson and "Iowa" Mike Tyson are that both men can take a punch. Bobby Hitz, 216, Addison, rebounded from a tough January loss (to Joey Christjohn) to give "Iowa" Mike, 220, Davenport, a leather tattoo.

For six rounds, Hitz (13-2) threw the stove, the dishwasher, the microwave and the refrigerator at "Iowa," who soaked it up and came out on the losing end of a unanimous decision.

Tyson delivered a few good left hooks, but spent too much time on the ropes with his head testing the strength of Hitz's hands. Hitz exhibited some often rumored, but previously invisible boxing skills, stuck with the jab and ran off some decent combinations in his bid for a rematch with Craig Bodzianowski.

At 1-5, Tyson is a fighter with a lot of heart, but limited skill. If someone were to spend time with him, he could become a decent journeyman.

Upset city! Sammy Matos, 158, Chicago, raised his record above .500 by temporarily derailing the comeback hopes of Mike Landini, 155, Calumet City, IL, with a six-round split decision. Landini was a late (and welcome) addition to the card for Matos. "Choirboy" had fought sluggishly (and won) three weeks prior to this bout following a 28-month layoff. Landini's failure to establish his jab in the early going proved his downfall.

Matos did exactly what he had to do — get inside and rough up Landini. Without the jab, Landini (25-3) was left to try and find the home run right hand which Matos consistently ducked under. Despite losing a point for low blows in the fifth round, Matos dealt out the harder shots (mostly to the body) while Landini just couldn't get his offense on track. With his biggest pro win, Matos is now 13-12-1.

Judge Bill Lerch saw it 28-27 for Landini, while Jim Lebel (29-28) and Jerry Hultz (29-25) carded for Matos.

In a scheduled 10-rounder, Louisville, Kentucky's **James Pritchard**, 214, won his third bout since being stopped by Mike Weaver last August. Pritchard fought well-traveled Steve Zouski, 206, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, and youth won out over experience as Pritchard scored a fourth-round TKO.

The beginning of the end came when Zouski got thumbed early in the fourth round. Pritchard, who seemed to be biding his time up till then, turned on the gas and opened up a cut under Zouski's left eye and bloodied his nose. With one minute gone by in the fourth, the ringside physician (Dr. Glenn Bynum) and Zouski's corner agreed that their man had had enough — only Zouski didn't go along with the decision.

He walked away from his corner (and referee Stanley Berg) and motioned for Pritchard to resume the action. Thirty seconds later, Ray Heling waved the surrender towel for a second time. An erect but bloody Zouski finally surrendered to Berg.

Pritchard hits hard, can offer a stinging jab, and the way Tyson is chewing up the heavyweight division, a couple more wins might put him in the title picture. Pritchard is now 18-1-1, while Zouski drops to 25-13.

Following a six-month layoff (and his first defeat), David Davis, 162, Chicago, rebounded to stop Anthony Jackson, 158, Milwaukee in the first round. It was Jackson's second first-round exit in a row and gave fans no chance to measure Davis' return to the ring. Davis is now 16-1.

In the opening bout, Virgil Marris, 161, Milwaukee knocked down Karriem Bey, 157, Chicago, in the opening round en route to a four-round split decision victory in a middleweight matchup.

Marris hit harder and more often in dealing Bey his first loss after three wins. Judge Jerry Jakubco scored the bout 18-16 for Marris, while Jerry Hults gave it to Marris by an 18-17 margin. Jim Lebel saw it Bey's way by a 19-17 score. Marris raised his record to 3-1.

Promoter: Battle Promotions.
Referees: Tim Adams, Stanley Berg and Pete Podgorski.
Judges: Jerry Hults, Jerry Jakubco, Jim Lebel and Bill Lerch.
Matchmaker: Jack Cowen.
Timekeeper: Al Tremari.
Physician: Glenn Bynum.
Announcer: Ben Bentley.
Attendance: 682.
(3-25-88)

JEFF CARLSON

KANSAS

▶**WICHITA** — All-Indian Center — Ron Malek, 158, Wichita, captured the newly formed Central States Boxing Association's middleweight championship in a bitter 10-round battle with veteran campaigner J.D. Dobbins, 156, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Malek, who saw his record climb to 19-10-1, relentlessly stalked the gutsy, but limited Dobbins, who dropped to 22-8-2.

Both, unable to sustain an offense, resorted to mauling, complete with elbows and roughhouse tactics. Malek gained a clear edge by outhustling the obviously nervous Dobbins, in the early going. Dobbins picked up the pace in Round Eight, with Malek appearing exhausted. Dobbins' attack proved too late as Malek weathered the storm and coasted to a well-deserved victory.

Anthony Davis, 205, Wichita, knocked out Eddie Blackwell, 197, Hays, in the third round.

Steve Langley, 158, Wichita, knocked out Robert Whitfield, 156, Little Rock, in the fifth.

Mike Hallacy, 158, Wichita, won a six-round decision over Anthony Campbell, 158, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Greg Gorrell, 194, Wichita, won a six-round decision over Aaron Brown, 202, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Promoter: Tommy Armstrong.
(3-22-88)

JAMES E. HUTTON

KENTUCKY

▶**LEXINGTON**—Continental Inn—The class of the evening was promising welterweight Daryl Lattimore, Washington, D.C., but his was the four-round walk-out bout and local fans got to see only one round of classy Lattimore. He disposed of game but hopelessly overmatched Cincinnatian John Collins at 2:11 of the first via the automatic three-knockdown rule. Lattimore's record rises to 13-0, Collins falls to 2-7. Terry O'Brian refereed.

The main event, a scheduled eight-round bout, featured popular Ashland, Ky. middleweight Paul McPeek versus Larry Fortner of Louisville. McPeek's last outing was 10 months ago when he eked out a hometown decision over Ralph Ward. McPeek was out of condition for the Ward bout and was badly cut over the eye. After the cut healed, he was involved in an automobile accident; hence the 10-month hiatus.

McPeek, who could be a prospect if he ever got into condition, weighed 175. The extra poundage didn't hurt him in this bout; it will when he meets sterner tests. He put pressure on Fortner from the opening bell and landed his patented left hook to the body so that Fortner was hurt and in trouble in the first. Even so, McPeek took too many punches, especially so against a 3-3 opponent.

McPeek, who is a crowd-pleaser because of his KO power and Duran-like intensity, continued to get inside in the second canto and belted Fortner down with a tremendous left hook to the body. Fortner got up only to receive the same, and the third knockdown was soon to follow. TKO at 2:08 of the second round for the now 13-0 McPeek. Fortner's record falls to 3-4. Bobby Dixon refereed.

Local promoter G.L. Van Horn's Thoroughbred Pro Boxing organization recently merged with the Lenny Shaw Boxing team of New Jersey and McPeek will be training at the Shaw-TTB boxing camp at rural California, Pa. There he expects to work himself into better shape. "If I can get a little bit of help, get up a step or two, then I can keep improving and become a contender," he said.

Another local favorite, lightweight "Choirboy" Brian Brown, Lexington, beat out a hard-fought six-round unanimous decision over St. Louis fighter Steve Hunter.

Hunter looked better than his 3-1 record would have indicated and gave "Choirboy" all he wanted, each round being exciting and hotly contested. It is evident that Brown needs to improve both his defense and his punching power if he is to move into prospect status. His aggressiveness alone will not do the job at higher levels of competitiveness. Brown's record rises to 12-1-1, Hunter's falls to 3-2. Larry O'Brien refereed.

In another exciting bout, welterweight Billy Burbin, Lexington, TKO'd tough Jim Ruff, Louisville, at 1:36 of the sixth and final round. Durbin's record improves to 10-0-1 and Ruff's falls to 2-2.

Durbin is an aggressive fighter and he went right after his opponent from the opening bell. He scored a standing eight count, properly called by referee Bobby Dixon, in the second stanza, but Ruff recovered and was able to finish the round. Rounds three, four and five saw Durbin continue his relentless attack, so that by the sixth Ruff was a beaten fighter.

Given the fact that Ruff, who is handled by Mike Mudd of Louisville's TKO gym, had no amateur experience, he showed fine ability in putting up a competitive fight against the much more experienced Durbin.

Middleweight Dean Meadows, who is handled by Lenny Shaw, suffered a surprise one-punch KO at the hands of St. Louis slugger and Marvelous Marvin lookalike, L.C. Robinson.

Meadows did well in the early going, but was staggered by a hard right to the temple in the fourth. The fifth was hard-fought, with Robinson having the edge. Nevertheless, Meadows was leading on all the judge's cards, 48-47, as the bell for the sixth stanza started.

Meadows might well have been able to pull off the decision, except that he forgot to bring his slow left jab back to his face. He brought it back low — and Robinson took advantage of this fundamental error in boxing by shooting a straight right over the lowered left. It landed with devastating force. Meadows was down for fully two minutes and ring physician Dr. James Ross had to be called in.

KO at 2:36 of the sixth for Robinson, who upped his record to 8-3. Meadows' record falls to 6-1-1. O'Brien refereed.

Announcer: Darrin "Schoolboy" Van Horn.
Timekeeper: Chuck Sayer.
Physician: James Ross.
Matchmaker: G.L. Van Horn.
Judges: Roy Kempf, Jack Kerns & Larry Mullins.
Promoter: Thoroughbred Pro Boxing.
Attendance: 500 (est.).
(3-22-88)

JOEL ROITMAN

▶**LOUISVILLE**—Holiday Inn South—John "Poppa" Moore, 175, Evansville, Indiana, won a unanimous, six-round decision over Huntington, West Virginia's Mark Frazie, 187, in the headliner of a club show.

Another six ended in a unanimous decision victory, this one going to Bradley Williams, 149, Louisville, who downed Charleston, West Virginia's Donald Gwinn, 159, who fought under the name of Tim Johnson.

A third scheduled six ended quickly, Louisville's Eric Whitfield, 130, stopping Charleston, West Virginia's Sam Hamlett, 124, in just 55 seconds.

Three scheduled four-rounders also ended early.

Clarksville, Indiana's Danny Thomas, 162, stopped Louisville's Terry Collier, 164, with just one minute left.

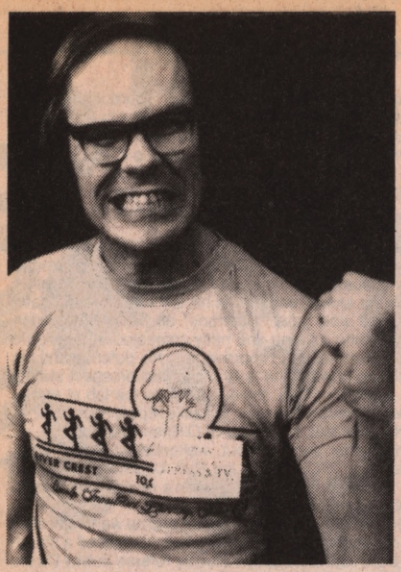
Louisville's Gary Steiger, 188, knocked out Mike Gilmore, 188, Mounds, Oklahoma, in just 1:30.

Louisville's Kenny Heflin, 160, stopped Charleston, West Virginia's Nate Moore at 2:40 of the second round.

Promoter: Eskridge Enterprises.
Referees: Dixon & Middleton.
Judges: Griffin, Kempf & Knopf.
Timekeeper: Peyton.
Physician: Simons.
(4-1-88)

LOUISIANA

▶**LAKE CHARLES** — Garfield's Lounge — Kirk "The Duke" Daley, 156, Lake Charles, made his professional



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debut after posting a 107-8 amateur record, knocking out Houston's Robert Moseley in 56 seconds.

The 17-year-old Daley did the trick with a combination followed by a left hook.

Phil Daley, Kirk's father and trainer, was somewhat impressed, saying, "He has the hand speed of a Ray Leonard. Kirk is going to shock a lot of people."

Meanwhile, Kirk's older brother, Scott "Blonde Bomber" Daley, 150, Lake Charles, shook off a six-month layoff to push his record to 17-0 with 17 KOs, stopping Houston's Warren Fields at 1:28 of the third round.

The day before, Scott had been in court settling divorce proceedings that had kept him inactive.

"Mentally this has been a hard time for me," said Daley. "But I just wanted to get this divorce over with and get back into the ring. I sure was ring rusty."

Daley floored Fields twice in the second, then hurt Fields early in the third with some good body shots that forced the Texan to turn away.

In a scheduled six, Reggie "Too Sweet" Miller, 160, Lake Charles, stopped Greg Taylor of Alexandria in the fifth. Taylor was down twice in the third, then told referee Alvin Topham of a tear in Miller's gloves in the fifth. A new glove was put on Miller, but Taylor refused to continue.

"He just didn't want to fight anymore," said Topham.

Jimmy Mitchell, Meridian Mississippi welterweight, knocked out Charles Rice, Port Arthur, Texas, in three rounds.

Heavyweight Aaron Green of New Orleans made his pro debut with a unanimous decision over Franklin's Kevin Carter.

Longville heavyweight Butch Leeds, also making his pro bow, knocked out Houston's Randy Gloston 30 seconds into Round Two. Leeds floored Gloston with a right in the first round, then used the same punch to finish him.

Lafayette lightweight Kenny Vice stopped James "G-Man" Sanders in two rounds.

Lake Charles heavyweight Earl "Ragin Cajun" Mouton made his pro debut with a two-round KO of Franklin's Albert Provost. The end came at 1:42.

Promoter: Champion Boxing Promotions.
(4-14-88)

MARYLAND

▶**GLEN BURNIE**—La Fountain Bleu—The first-hand experience of being a professional fighter can really come in handy, especially for a matchmaker. The way the scheduled fighters were dropping off this evening's card almost left matchmaker Josh Hall no alternative but to jump back into the ring. Magically however, he was able to come up with four entertaining bouts for this dinner/boxing show.

Headlining the card was Victor Davis, 147, Pasadena, Md. Victor is trained and managed by his father, Adrian, himself a once-ranked welterweight. Maybe Adrian and Josh could have been the fifth bout? An interesting idea since so many ex-fighters are coming out of retirement.

Victor's opponent for the scheduled eight-rounder was Marvin Ladson, 151¼, Winston-Salem, NC. Davis' best punch was the straight right, which knocked Ladson down in the second round. Able to work at long range where he was very effective, Davis confused his foe by strategically switching to southpaw throughout the bout. By the sixth, Ladson was completely worn down, and referee Ray Klingmeyer stopped the fight at the 1:35 mark. The victory raised Victor's record to 15-6 with five KOs.

The co-feature saw hometown favorite Chuck "Pit Bull" Sturm, 136, (now 12-2-1, five by KO) win a six-round unanimous decision over flamboyant Han "Sugar" Kim, 141½, Rockville, Md. With his right shoulder bothering him, Sturm was able to stay inside and do most of his damage with the left hook, knocking Kim down with it in the first round. Sturm, a busy fighter inside, was in excellent shape. Kim, on the other hand, had taken the fight on very short notice and ran out of gas early. By the fifth round, Kim was using every tactic possible to buy time, including keeping referee Terry Moore between him and his overly eager opponent.

Although Kim was able to survive the full six rounds, he couldn't stay away from Sturm's left hook which resulted in a bad cut under Kim's right eye. The scoring (in Maryland, they do not reveal which judge scored what) was 60-54, 59-54 and 60-53.

Wilfredo De La Cruz, 127½, Takoma Park, Md.; took a four-round, split decision over the omni-present Donnie Parker, 131½, Baltimore. Wilfredo seemed to have improved his skills over his last outing here by jabbing better and reducing his weight by 10 pounds. Ref; Milton Green. Scores: 39-37 De La Cruz, and each received a 39-38.

Scott Page, 135, Lanham, Md., 6-1, three KOs dominated Tim Turner, 131, Spartanburg, S.C., by scoring a TKO at 1:32 in the second round of a scheduled four. Page attacked the body and made Turner pay for his missed punches. Ref: Green.

Promoter: Maryland Showcase (Mas Kisner & Vicki Savaliski).

Matchmaker: Josh Hall.

Timekeeper: Izzy Bach.

Announcer: Tony Baldoni.

Judges: Ray Klingmeyer, Milton Green, Tom Kelly, Terry Moore & Larry Barrett.

Attendance: 1,100.
(4-14-88)

FRED BLUMSTEIN

MICHIGAN

▶**DETROIT**—Cobo Arena—The monthly Kronk-Lite Beer/Little Caesar's fight card had some heavy competition with the Frank Sinatra/Sammy Davis Jr. concert in adjoining Joe Louis Arena, yet over 9,000 fans chose the melody of fistic symphony over the crooners on the Detroit River.

The featured event was the return of local favorite **Dwight Davidson**, 41-4, after a long absence from the ring. He faced Ron Daniels, 16-5, whose spoiler role was spoiled as he took a brutal beating from Davidson, whose relentless hooks off the jab literally took Daniels apart and had him down twice before it was called at 1:09 of the third.

The Dominican Republic's contribution to Emanuel Steward's camp, **Johnny DeLarosa**, an agile and ring smart lightweight, took Los Angeles' Petro Montero to the 10-round limit while giving a boxing clinic as he pounded out a unanimous decision to go 34-3.

The card began with a six-round middleweight contest, Louis Howard, 13-1, St. Louis, Missouri, winning a majority decision over Gary Coats, 15-11.

The second go-round saw Lonnie Stubbs drop to 2-2 after losing a four-round verdict to Detroit welterweight Atwillow Wright, who evened his mark at 1-1.

Kronk newcomer Greg Carter debuted with a unanimous decision win over Jake Smith, 0-2, Detroit, in a welterweight bout.

Local favorite Rokie Harris, returning from a layoff due to a shoulder injury, dropped a humdinger to Cleveland's David Nalls, 4-2. Nalls nailed Harris in the first for a knockdown that forced the local to adopt a shell that lasted the balance of the six-round light heavyweight contest, which Nalls won by unanimous decision. Harris, 4-3, was left questioning his fistic future.

In the co-feature, southpaw Jammin' Jeff Thompson flashed the black lights to an outclassed Harry Daniels, 14-8-1, who was decked for several minutes after a first-round left hook by Thompson, who improved his light heavyweight record to 15-0.

Lots of folks in the boxing community waited for the Bill Lee/Michael Moorer light heavy matchup because of the promise of a good young man versus a tough veteran. Moorer kept his meteoric rise going with a knockout in just 2:46. Moorer is 2-0, Lee, 9-6.

Promoter: Ringside Promotions/Kronk.

TV: PASS Cable.

Physicians: Ruffino & Kaplan.

Referees: Dale Grable & Marv McDonald.

Judges: Rose Grable, H. McKalpain, Rich Fisher, Tom Paruszkiewicz & Tom Briscoe.

Timekeepers: William Hunter & William Hunter Jr.

Announcer: Wally Jackson.

Attendance: 9,786.
(3-25-88)

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS**—Premier Center—Gold Medalist **Steve "Bluesman" McCrory** kept his record rolling to the tune of 21-2-1 as he stopped Mexico's Julio Blanco at 2:24 of the fifth round of a scheduled 10-round featherweight bout.

It was a dirty little affair that saw Blanco lose two points for low blows before he became McCrory's punching bag as his record dropped to 32-10.

Local favorite **Hurley "Dr. Prescription" Snead**, an indefatigable trainer and worker, took that ethic to Carlos Flores, 13-14, San Antonio, in winning a unanimous, 10-round decision that was a boxing clinic by Snead, who is hankering for bigger fish to fry in the bantamweight division.

Stablemate **Renaldo "Little Red" Carter**, also a bantam, did the job a whole lot quicker as he dropped Ryan Fore twice in the first with the ringside physician not allowing Fore out for a second round. Carter stayed perfect at 16-0 as Fore dipped to 4-5-1, according to local records.

In his pro debut Boyd Gardner Jr. took a unanimous,

four-round decision over Louisville's Aaron Jones in a featherweight bout.

In a welterweight bout, Dangerous Courtney Hooper upped his record to 19-1 with a first-round TKO over Fort Worth's Ford Jennings, 16-6-1. Jennings took a left hook that split his right eyebrow open like an overripe melon before referee Sam Williams mercifully called a halt at 2:54.

In the opener, lightweight Jeff "Sweet Ice" Styers took a TKO win at just 54 seconds of the second round over Louisville's Edward Reynolds, who was making his pro bow. Styers is 2-0.

Promoter: ABC Productions.
Matchmaker: Duke Durden.
Judges: Bill Miley, Charlene Warner & H. Hoomian.
Physicians: Michael Sherbin & Scott Ferris.
Announcer: Jim Ingram.
Timekeeper: Joe Kollins.
Referees: Bobby Watson & Sam Williams.
Attendance: 497.
(3-30-88)

TOM PARUSZKIEWICZ

MISSOURI

▶**SPRINGFIELD**—Tuning up for his long-awaited shot at WBC super lightweight titleholder Roger Mayweather, **Harold Brazier,** stayed busy, knocking out Charleston welterweight "Bad" Billy Moore in two rounds.

Brazier weighed 138 in posting the 38th KO in his 55-7-1 record. He opened up Moore with some uppercuts to the body, then brought the right over the top, knocking down the game, but outclassed Moore twice.

Pete Susens, Brazier's manager, said, "There is not another fighter in the world that deserves a title shot more than Harold. This guy has paid his dues the hard way."

Brazier said, "Every time I step into the ring, I figure it's for my world title fight because if I lose, I'll lose my shot. If he (Mayweather) beats me, I'll be right back in the gym training for another shot. However, come June the 6th, I believe the world will have a new champion."
(4-12-88)

▶**JOPLIN**—Trade Center—Veteran **Jimmy Young** managed to squeak out a 10-round decision win over Rick "King Kong" Kellar.

The difference in the close bout was a strong sixth round by Young that included the only knockdown of the bout. Kellar came off the deck strong and hurt Young in the next frame.

"Jimmy still has some old tricks up his sleeve," said Kellar. "He looked soft around the belly and I was confident going in that I could wear him down, but he was in surprising condition.

"I really have no excuses," added Kellar. "I thought they could have given me the fight, but he was very competitive. The knockdown was the deciding factor."

Young gave credit to Kellar, saying, "He was in good shape because I hit him some good shots and he came back every time. He snuck that right hand in on me just when I figured he was ready to go, so I told myself I better be very careful."

Matched for his first scheduled 10-rounder, middleweight Danny Morgan of Minneapolis never made the distance, knocking out Willis Green in the sixth round for his 13th straight win. Five days earlier, in Lincoln, Nebraska, Morgan had bombed out Dick Allen in two rounds. Green was game until flattened by a left hook.

Omaha, Nebraska's **Bruce "The Mouse" Strauss** held off a late charge by Bill Shaffer to win a six-round decision. Strauss is a little over .500 in a career that could include well over 200 fights.

"I slowed down for awhile, but really missed the action," squeaked "The Mouse." "I'm back!"
(4-9-88)

NEBRASKA

▶**OMAHA**—The third show here on a monthly basis produced plenty of action in front of a packed house of 2,583, the feature attraction being **Tracy Harris Patterson,** son of former heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson.

Patterson, of Rockville Centre, New York, ran his record to 23-1 by flattening tough Bobby Thomas of Greenville, Mississippi in the second round of the scheduled 10-round featherweight bout.

Thomas showed no fear of his highly touted foe and waged war from the start. However, Patterson's hand speed proved too much for Thomas, who was down twice in the second.

Floyd, who works Tracy's corner, was besieged by handshakers and autograph seekers throughout the evening, but graciously acquiesced. Floyd's hand must have been sore by the end of the night, but he couldn't have been more pleasant. He's still the gentleman boxer of old.

Popular local heavyweight Dick "Raging Bull" Ryan looked impressive for the first time in his brief career (8-0) with a first-round knockout over Joe Adams of Memphis, Tennessee in a scheduled six-round co-main event. Ryan had been winning via brute strength in his past bouts, but in this contest he actually displayed some skill and technique in taking out his foe with a solid left to the temple in the brief, but spirited go. Ryan recently has been sparring in Las Vegas with **Jimmy Young.**

Irish Dan Murphy, Omaha, didn't break a sweat in disposing of Jack Jones, Racine, Wisconsin, via a first-round KO in the scheduled six heavyweight match. Murphy was angry about the quick win as he wanted a good workout to sharpen him up for a scheduled fight in Australia.

In a rugged six-round welterweight bout, Omaha's gutsy Felix "The Cat" Dubray outpointed Brooklyn's Raheem Muhammad. Muhammad decided he couldn't win fairly and pulled every foul in the book, including actually biting the Omahan's forearm in a clinch! In addition, Muhammad elbowed and once kneed his foe, though the referee caught only the kneeing, for which the New Yorker was penalized a point. Ironically, Muhammad was a pretty good boxer when he put his mind to it. Why a talented fighter such as Muhammad has to resort to fouling is a mystery.

Lt. Ken Schafer, Omaha, TKO'd Bernard Felder, Minneapolis, in the first round of a scheduled six-round light heavyweight bout when Felder quit fighting.

Irish Dan Morgan, Minneapolis, moved his record to 10-1 with a unanimous, six-round decision over Ron Brown, Indianapolis, in a hard-fought light heavyweight bout.

Perhaps the thriller of the evening was the Pier Six brawl rematch betweel local welterweights John Determan and Tricky Nicky Miller. Miller came away with a close decision after a battle that witnessed both dropped and staggered throughout the four rounds.

Promoter: Fred Berns.
Physican: Jack Lewis.
Judges: Mike McGinnis, Bill Murphy & Larry Emery.
Timekeeper: Ken Parker.
(4-1-88)

▶**LINCOLN**—Ray Menefee presented an action night of boxing at the fairgrounds here with a so-called championship in the balance.

Billed as being for the "Mid-American super middleweight championship," Lincoln's stylish Carlos Sansisteven earned a hard fought 12-round points win over tough Jimmy Stevens of Chicago via unanimous decision in an excellent battle.

Sansisteven dropped Stevens twice en route to victory, but Jimmy was not far behind. The Chicagoan alternated between superb boxing and running, apparently confusing the fight with a foot race. Smith lost precious points in the middle rounds by showboating. However, when he elected to, Stevens fought excellently. But this was Carlos' night. The Nebraskan rose to the occasion in this, the biggest fight of his career, and was awarded a beautiful championship belt in victory.

"Iron" Mike Acklie, Lincoln, stopped "Precious" Paul Gardner, Omaha, via TKO in Round Four.

Heavyweight Roger DeBaer, Lincoln, won a questionable decision over Dave Lopez, Grand Island, over four rounds.

Middleweight Ken Moody, Crete, won a unanimous points verdict over the always gutsy Nicky "The Truth" Miller, Omaha, via a close four-round decision.

Lightweight veteran Rick Kaiser, Rapid City, South Dakota, proved he could still hit in a scheduled six-round co-main event against tough Wayne Grant, Omaha. Kaiser scored a fifth-round TKO after having Wayne on the deck twice.

Welter "Jockey" Jay James, Lincoln, showed fast hands in beating John Detterman, Omaha, via points over four rounds.

Lightweight "Irish" Dan Morgan managed to keep his unbeaten record intact (barely) by coming from behind to stop aggressive Dick Allen, Springfield, MO, via a TKO in Round Four.

Promoter: Ray Menefee.
Referees: Bill Engle, Larry Emery & Doug Emery.
Judges: Mike McGinnis, Mike Kelly & Bill Murphy.
Attendance: 900 (est.).
(4-14-88)

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NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS**—Caesars Palace—**Jeff Franklin** and **Louie Espinoza** came up with the long and short of it in winning national championships.

Franklin, now a full-fledged local hero, had to go 12 rounds in scoring a unanimous decision over Aaron Lopez, San Antonio, Texas, to fill the vacant United States Boxing Association featherweight crown and for a while it appeared the more lucrative victory.

Earlier, Top Rank promoter Bob Arum announced Calvin Grove, the International Boxing Federation 126-pound kingpin, agreed to defend his title "against the winner within 60 days."

Espinoza, the former World Boxing Association junior featherweight champion out of Phoenix, Arizona, captured the vacant North American Boxing Federation super bantamweight diadem with a fifth-round TKO victory over Jerome "Kid" Coffee of Nashville, Tenn.

The 25-year-old Franklin, who gave up being an airline flight attendant three years ago to concentrate full time on boxing, tripped on a note of disappointment several days after the victory when trainer Eddie Futch put the title shot at Grove on hold—for the time being.

Futch said, "Although Jeff won the fight by a unanimous decision, he made some mistakes that I think indicates he isn't ready for Grove at this time. In a couple of more good fights, we can work on the things he was lacking against Lopez. Right now, I told Franklin I wouldn't want him to take the fight and he understood."

Franklin, 126, who improved his record to 19-2-3, seven KOs, was disappointed, reluctantly saying he'd follow Futch's wishes regarding Grove.

"Of course, I think I'm ready. Even though I performed way off my best game, I don't know if it was an off night or what," the transplanted native of Grand Forks, North Dakota said. "I was way, way too tight. My punches weren't coming off smooth."

Lopez, 126, from the stable of David Gorman, saw his ledger dip to 24-5-2, 17 KOs, but he wasn't satifisfied with the decision.

"I don't know what the judges were looking for . . . something different than what I was doing, I guess, but I just don't agree with the decision," the 23-year-old Texan complained.

"I hit Franklin with a solid right hand in the fourth round and it hurt my hand. After that I wasn't able to use it like I wanted to. I'll admit I should have taken it to him more, but I wanted to make sure I didn't run out of gas in the later or middle rounds."

Lopez was cut over the left eye brow by an accidental head butt in the third round, but it wasn't a factor in the decision. There were no knockdowns.

Admittedly without serious punching power, Franklin relies on speed, hustle and simply throwing more punches than his opponent. The technique has lifed Jeff to No. four featherweight in *The Ring's* world ratings.

"I'm happy to win the USBA belt, but I'd like to have knocked out Lopez in eight or nine rounds. Lopez caught me a few times, but nothing that I didn't know where I was. He was a busy fighter, especially on the inside," Franklin said.

Franklin solidified the triumph by winning the eighth through the 11th rounds, giving up only the 12th to Lopez's belated rally.

In the scoring, all for Franklin, Chuck Giampa of Las Vegas tabbed it 117-112 while Glen Hamada of Seattle saw it 116-112. Walter Cavalieri of Philadelphia voted 118-113. *The Ring's* card read 117-114, Franklin.

Espinoza, 121¼, appeared on his way to a shutout, scoring with combinations to the head and body and dropping Coffee, 120½, twice in the fifth round before referee Toby Gibson stopped the bout at 2:46.

Bruce Trampler, Top Rank's western matchmaker, gets continued high marks for tenacity at his post and that's how promoter Bob Arum wound up with two national title bouts despite losing several principals to injuries.

The 30-year-old Coffee became an 11th-hour replacement for Julian Solis, former WBA bantamweight king from Puerto Rico and New York, who was forced to withdraw when stricken with chicken pox.

Espinoza, who won and lost his WBA laurels inside 11 months in 1987, improved his credentials to 28-2, 23 KOs, while Coffee, unable to get untracked, skidded to 29-2-1, 14 KOs.

Karama Leota, 161, Salt Lake City, Utah, won all but one round on three official scorecards for a punishing unanimous six-round decision over gutty Hector Jaiman, 162, San Diego, California. Leota is now 11-1, eight KOs while Jaiman is 8-4-1, six KOs.

Tim Fryerson, 210, Los Angeles, scored a surprise TKO win at 1:59 of the final round over previously undefeated Melton Bowen, 210, Miami, Florida in a scheduled six-rounder. Fryerson rose to 6-1-1, five KOs, Bowen tipped to 9-1, seven KOs.

Ray Thompson, 161, Las Vegas, improved to 4-0, one KO with a second round TKO over James Williams, 159, of Tucson, Arizona.

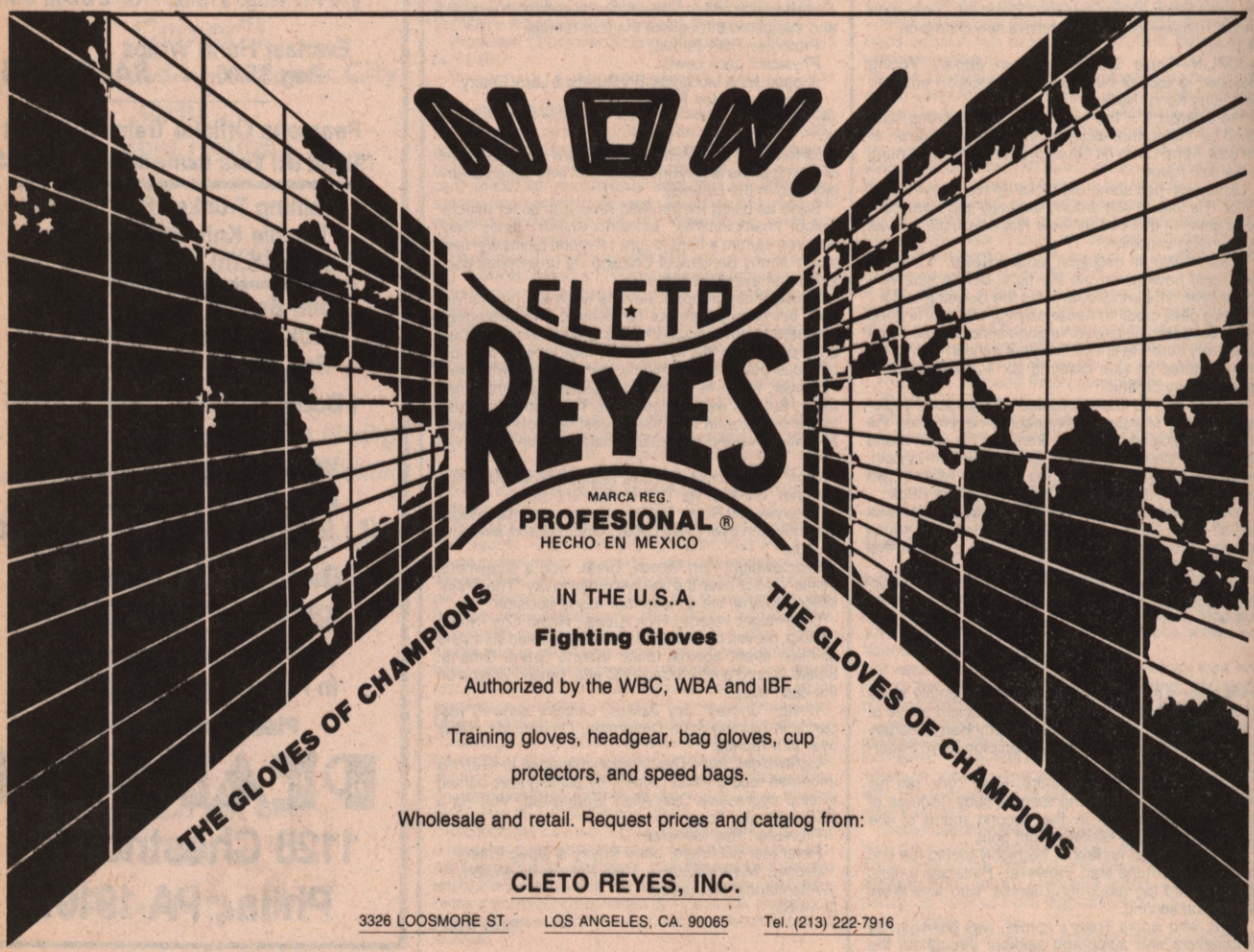
Alan Lowery, 136, Las Vegas, outmauled Tim Mosley, 135, Las Vegas, for a unanimous four-round decision. Lowery moved to 4-2-2, two KOs, Mosely dropped to 6-3-2, three KOs.
(4-8-88)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY** — Resorts Hotel-Casino — **Ras-I-Aluja (Livingstone) Bramble,** 139¾, Passaic, NJ, wants a piece of the action; he isn't about to let the parade pass him by. Whether he has the proper instruments to participate or is just beating a hollow drum has yet to be determined. After nine months on the curb, he found the march a little rough through the first block.

Edwin Curet, also 139¾, Boston, Mass., surprised the unsteady ex-titleholder with a maniacal first-round assault of leaping one-two's. A short right put Bramble down for a brief count. Would this be payback and more



for the convincing decision win Bramble had over Curet in 1984 in a non-title bout?

More free-swinging vollies by Curet opened Round Two, but the slow stalking, straight-ahead Bramble soon found a home for his inside strength, and Edwin quickly wilted under the punishing, if not one-dimensional attack. The quick start by a weight-weakened Curet was history, and he began resorting to a clutch and grab philosophy just to put in some minutes. A sharp Bramble would have ended matters much sooner, so the ensuing rounds became unimpressive, dreary and dismal affairs. After sweeping Round One, Curet could only garner one other vote in the remaining rounds.

Finally, in the eighth, Curet went down twice, the second visit as much from exhaustion as anything else, and as the bell rang to end the round, referee Tony Perez continued his count. When Curet arose, he told Perez, "I feel bad, I can't continue." Bramble (now 26-2-2, 17 KOs) wins the scheduled 10 via an eight-round TKO, "at the end of the round," given as the time.

Considering his rather long absence, Bramble was pleased with his performance. "I was scoring, but I didn't develop a dominate factor," said Bramble afterwards. "I was hitting him with the jab all night, but the right evaded me. He was tough, so awkward. I missed him a lot, but got him with the hook." As for Curet, he was pointedly realistic. "I was really out of gas, but he would have won anyway. He's a better fighter. I never took a beating like that before." Curet falls to 22-8-2, nine KOs.

The semifinal 10 stole the proceedings in a slickly and quickly paced battle of left hooks as **Anthony "TKO" Boyle**, 126½, Phila., graduated to the big leagues with an inspiring and gutsy majority decision over aging former bantam contender, **Johnny "Dancing Machine" Carter**, 126, Philadelphia.

Boyle received a slit right eye lid in the second and it bled throughout the evening. Undaunted, the spunky youngster busied himself to victory with a steady flow of will to win. It was the vim and vigor of youth overcoming the trickery and guile of experience in a four-star effort by both.

Carter let possible victory slip away when he concentrated too much on the cut. Even though he fought back gamely himself after being knocked down by a left hook in the seventh; sweeping the eighth and ninth, it was still Boyle's lead going into the final round. "TKO" nailed down the decision by sweeping that final session. It was a shame either had to lose, but neither had to bow his head in shame.

Scores: Lynn Carter, 96-93, Frank J. Cairo, 97-92, and Milo Savage had it 95-95. *The Ring* card read 97-93 for Boyle. Ref; Joe O'Neil. Boyle now is 14-0-1 with seven KOs, and Carter falls to 33-6, 20 by KO.

In a scheduled eight, Edward "Yogi Bear" Neblett, 155¾, Miami, Fl., via Barbados, took one round to size up his prey and then took apart Johnny Banks Walker, 156¼, Passaic, NJ, in the next round with quick and powerful blows. Stunned by a right, dropped by a hook, Walker was surrounded in Neblett's own corner seconds later when referee Perez stopped it at 1:51 of the second. Walker, apparently still dazed, quickly unleashed two left hooks at Perez (the first landed on his chin), but hugs and apologies by Johnny came right behind his actions, and no suspension was issued. Neblett is now 10-1, six KOs; Walker fell to 9-6-1, eight KOs.

In February, they boxed to a draw over six rounds. One month later, Mike DeVito, 176, Cleveland, Ohio, had all the answers as he teed off on Kevin Bernard, 181, Phila., Pa., with rights that couldn't miss. It was, however, a left hook that finally put Kevin down, but yet the real damage had been done seconds earlier when a right broke Bernard's jaw. Arising from the knockdown, Kevin told ref O'Neil as much and thus the bout was halted. The time of the TKO win for DeVito was 1:51 of Round Two; scheduled for six. DeVito is now 8-2-1, six KOs, while Bernard dropped to 5-1-1, two KOs.

Manuel Opher, 157, Phila., proved too aggressive for Drew Hayes, 155¾, Newtonville, NJ, taking a four-round unanimous decision even after losing a point in the fourth for repeated use of the head. Scores: Cairo and Carter at 39-36; Savage saw it 38-37. Ref; O'Neil. Opher is now 4-4, two KOs, while Hayes is even at 1-1, one KO.

Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoter: Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmaker: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.
Television: ESPN.
(3-30-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

In a battle of ex-titleholders, Lupe Aquino outpointed Milt McCrory over 10 hard-fought rounds in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—A fill-in for the oft-postponed Witherspoon-Ruddock match made just about everyone forget the original. The two understudies, **Milton McCrory** and **Lupe Aquino**, fought like they should have been the stars all along. Aquino, 155¾, Santa Paula, CA, emerged with a hotly disputed, but correct, majority verdict over McCrory, 156, Detroit, 10.

Aquino's reckless abandon seemed about to blow Milton out at the start, as McCrory did not appear to have the speed or footwork any longer to outmaneuver the barrel-house tough guy. A double left hook counter dumped a surprised McCrory and bloodied his nose in the second. But Aquino lacked the finesse to finish it. His frustration cost him a point for low blows from ref Vinnie Rainone. That seemed to cool Lupe's ardor and let the game McCrory back in the fight.

Unable to hold Aquino off, McCrory adjusted tactics and surprisingly got the better of blistering infighting over the next few rounds. Then in the fifth, the dangerous Aquino exploded again! Allowing a little room and leaving his arms out lazily, McCrory again tasted the surprise left hook and was shaken. The erupting Aquino pounded him across the ring and down again!

Again McCrory had to struggle back, but the effort seemed to take just as much out of Aquino. Lupe was hurt to the body in the sixth, when a ripping left uppercut seemed to swing the fight back to Milton. Aquino looked tired in the seventh as Milt appeared to have weathered the final crisis and now was ready to break for daylight.

But the only pattern in this fight was the unexpected. Late in the eighth, Aquino got on a roll with a crude, clubbing attack that would not be denied. As if by sheer will, he overwhelmed Milton on the ropes, hurting him with a right to the body. As he tried awkwardly to stumble away, a reaching left hook snapped McCrory's neck and forced a standing eight. Milt tried gamely to stay in the fight, but a psyched-up Aquino dictated the terms as the fight rolled to a frenzied finish.

Aquino's surge with the final pendulum swing appeared to establish clear dominance, but the scoring was closer than it should have been. Lynne Carter had a reasonable 95-92, but Charlie Spina had only 94-93, and Rocky Castellani 94-all. McCrory, in dropping to 33-3-1, saw more clearly than the judges and announced his retirement.

"I gave it my best shot, but I'm just not the fighter I used to be," he admitted. Added manager Emmanuel Steward innocently, ". . . he had a lot of tough fights over the years." The winner, rising to 32-4-1, stated forthrightly, "The animal came back out of me today."

Ray Medel, 116, San Antonio, impressed, handing a unanimous drubbing to returning "Pop" Robinson, 115, Phila., eight. Medel stepped sharply inside with crisp combinations to punish Robinson and pitch a shutout. Ref, Steve Smoger.

In a wild shootout, Luis Rodriguez, 159, Allentown, bulldozed Nicky Johnson, 162, Brooklyn, into a KO at 0:59 of the third, scheduled four. The worn-out Johnson was savagely blasted onto the apron by a right haymaker. Ref, Rainone.

Flashy Cesar Leonardo, 162, Jersey City, was too quick and shifty for mundane Ray Daniels, 161, Troy, NY, winning a unanimous decision in a frenetic four. Ref, Smoger.

Roosevelt Williams, 166, NYC, kept busy against more effective, but less active, Tony Blair, 162, Phila., to take a unanimous, but not too popular, verdict, four. Ref, Smoger.

Promoters: Josephine Abercrombie & Stan Hoffman (HBA Inc.).
Matchmaker: Ron Katz.
Attendance: 1,100 (est.).
TV: CBS.
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
(4-10-88)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino—Two aspirants who lost in previous title tries attempted to establish new claims by facing each other. Whereas the irrepressible **Terrence Alli** has always preferred to "jump right back on the horse that threw him," the workmanlike **Darryll Tyson** has crept back largely unnoticed. But though they provided an entertaining, competitive, and controversial bout, neither impressed. It was more a battle of negatives which cancelled each other out, making the fight dramatic.

Alli, 138, NYC, got off to a fast start, as his old speed and flair seemed too much for the unimaginative Tyson. But in a "tortoise-and-hare" match, Tyson, 135½, continued to plug forward and began to catch up. Now with his old conquerors, Kronk, the former Washington, DC fighter took over in the middle rounds. Alli could not sustain the dervish attack he's become known for and appeared on his way to defeat as Darryll outfought him on the inside. Only experience and desire pulled victory from the jaws of defeat for Terrence. He got on his "bicycle" to buy time in the ninth, then pulled out all stops in a thrilling 10th that saw the Detroiter in trouble under a blizzard of leather.

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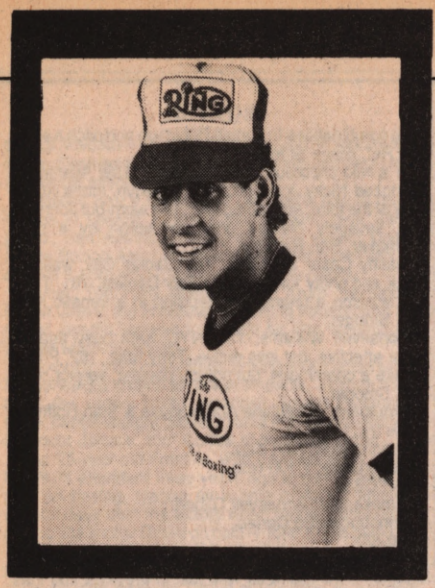

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The split verdict for Alli got a mixed reception, but was correct. Richard F. Murry scored for the loser, 96-94, but Frank Brunette had Alli by the same, while Charlie Spina had Terrence by 97-93. Tony Orlando refereed.

The winner, who went to 36-5-2, admitted he's slowing down. "The fans are used to the old Alli," he excused, "so when I settle down and pick my punches, they don't know what they're seeing . . . It was scary when I heard the first score for him," he continued, "because when they read the first score for the other guy, he usually wins. I saw my whole career pass before my eyes."

The loser, 25-4, was optimistic. "This is the best it's been in some time for me," Darryll said. "It's too bad the early rounds had to hurt me."

In a free-swinging shootout that had fans going wild, Billy "The Kid" Young, 131¼, Bay City, Mich., had to come from behind to TKO game Roland Cummings, 131½, Youngstown, at 2:22 of the seventh in a scheduled eight.

The durable Ohioan survived an early battering undaunted and seemed to be taking control on sheer will. But a haymaker right to the back of the head stunned him and Young didn't let perhaps his last opportunity escape. He crudely chopped Cummings down onto his face, with ref Frank Cappuccino stopping it over Roland's protests. The unbeaten Young won his 22nd with a draw, while the loser fell to 10-3.

Unbeaten Paul Shorts, 146, E. Providence, won his ninth with a solid, unanimous decision over David Silva, 141¾, Caracas via NYC, eight. In an untidy, but rugged, brawl, the textbook Shorts proved he could meet his opponent in the trenches if he had to and prevail. Ref, Orlando.

Lefty Kevin Marston, 127, Jamaica, NY, was visibly disgusted with his own effort, though winning a majority verdict from Vernon McGriff, 129, Buffalo, in a sloppy four. Ref, Cappuccino.

Promoter: Bob Arum (Top Rank, Inc.).
Matchmakers: Teddy Brenner & Ron Katz.
Attendance: 900 (est.).
TV: ESPN.
Timekeeper: Art Spell.
Announcer: Mike Buffer.
(3-25-88)

▶**NEWARK**—Quality Inn (formerly Robert Treat) Hotel—The second show in the Coors Beer-hosted series barely made it off the ground, suffering a case of the "best-laid plans of mice and matchmakers." But what kind of matchmaker would put a reluctant "runner" in with a miserly counterpuncher, anyway? It didn't really matter. The fans of **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** were so enthralled by the spectacle, they hardly noticed that he and Melvin Epps were making a case for boxing as a non-contact sport.

Muhammad, 195, Newark, won a 10-round unanimous decision over Epps, 191, NYC, principally by virtue of being Eddie.

"No one can stand in front of me and take the punishment," proclaimed Eddie, taking credits for that which never occurred. Amid the dearth of punches, the judges had to discover other salient points upon which to bestow their favors. Their predicament was reflected in the disparity of scores. Eugene Grant saw it 96-94, while Thomas Kaczmarek had 99-81, with Al DeVito at 100-91. Ref, Joe Cortez.

Once-promising "Ray Ray" Grey returned in a tough match, but prevailed with a sterling performance. Grey, 158, Cleveland, looked sharp and fired his combinations well in scoring a unanimous win over dangerous Bill Robinson, 158, Brooklyn., eight. Robinson was forced to give ground after a couple of heated sessions, but barely escaped a kayo when a picturesque right dropped him at the final bell. Ref, Randy Neumann.

Eddie Tyler, who refuses to call it a career, was again battered, this time by William "Bo" James, in a scheduled eight. Tyler, 158, Pittsburgh via NYC, was overwhelmed by James, 157, Newark, in a pitched battle. Tyler suffered a standing eight in the first, then was stretched for a TKO at 1:52 of the third. Ref, Cortez.

Promoter: Qasim Akbar (Express Professional Sports).
Matchmaker: Bahar Muhammad.
Attendance: 425, $6,200 (est.).
Timekeeper: Roosevelt Gilbert.
Announcer: Dennis Miller.
(3-24-88)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY**—Tropicana Hotel Casino—Two of the most loudly trumpeted stars of the recent era illumined the same show, but on opposite sides of the ropes. Nevertheless, both took some lumps. Debuting as a promoter, **Gerry Cooney** backed a good card, but it ended up in a mire of controversy. and **Roberto Duran** continued along his quixotic "comeback" with an effort that will do little to advance his quest for a fourth title.

Duran's opponent, one Paul Thorn, 154¾, Tupelo, Miss., came in with a mere 13-2 record, collected in places more familiar to William Faulkner than **Nat Fleischer**. Many felt he shouldn't have been any closer to Duran than a scrapbook.

Thorn's opening-round effort displayed a mixture of awe and downright fear. Duran, 163, Miami, came in heavier than in his previous local appearance, despite expressing dissatisfaction with his conditioning after that one!

The all-time great, in his 90th bout, can still set a victim up with a cold and menacing craft, polished over an 82-7 career. But he has to keep the pace on idle, less his body begin to desert him. In the second, Roberto almost built the perfect mousetrap, as he lured the kid into a slingshot right that vaulted him to the canvas and split his lip. But the once-merciless finisher cannot accomplish with savvy what he used to with fury. The intended victim ran for his life and made it!

Duran tried to wrap it up in the third, but his opening charge only resulted in a clash of heads that badly gashed his left eye. Once the underdog realized he could hit the legend without the sky opening up, his persistence became an embarrassment. A right counter stunned the upstart in the fourth, but he lashed back with a desperation left hook that shocked Duran. The next two rounds sunk into a bloody melee. Thorn punched, lurched and grabbed as an increasingly frustrated Duran struggled with his frantic opponent's flights of not-so-fancy.

Boisterous rooters, spurred by the underdog's grit, began to turn on the ex-champion. When Paul's own corner halted the scheduled 10 after the sixth, many reacted as if they'd been had. But the severely split lip was clearly too much of an added burden to an already dismal task. Both fighters had to be taken to the hospital for stitching, but the loser's uncle and trainer, Eddie, offered, "Had the cut not been a factor and the fight continued, we would have been in a fight. Our strategy was to counter and come on in the final rounds. I think it was working." Randy Neumann refereed.

A poorly applied rule, meant to protect against freak losses, backfired to rob Angel Sindo of a clear win in a scheduled eight. Sindo, 157, Deptford, NJ, waded through an early blitz to break Crandall King, 156, Erie, in a savage battle. With the exhausted King beaten and hanging on for his life, ref Neumann made a questionable choice to concentrate on an eye cut caused by a clash of heads, rather than King's overall condition caused by Angel's fists! The bout was halted at 2:26 of the fourth, and (being less than half completed) ruled a technical draw. The lucky King went to 17-1-2.

A classy, but uninspired Clarence Coleman, 141¾, Newark, coasted to an easy, unanimous decision over used-up Eduardo Valdez, 142, Miami, eight. Eduardo was dropped in the second and third, but Clarence, in going 13-1-1, never bothered to press the issue. Ref, Frank Cappuccino.

Unbeaten Carl Sullivan, 152¼, Homestead, PA, edged out his fourth win with a split verdict over Bill Robinson, 153¾, Brooklyn, six. In earnest, but awkward, action, Carl kept busy, while Bill concentrated on flurries. Ref, Cappuccino.

Bruce Becker, 130, Brigantine, NJ, debuted with a destruction of Danny Faiello, 131, Pittsburgh, in a scheduled four. Faiello was floored in the first and second, with Cappuccino stopping it at 0:56.

Promoters: Gerry Cooney & Dennis Rappaport (SuperFights Unlimited, Inc.).
Matchmaker: Mike Acri.
Attendance: 1,865 (capacity).
TV: USA Network.
Judges: Rocky Castellani, Richard F. Murry, & Eugene Grant.
Timekeeper: Lindsey Tucker.
Announcer: Curtis Gray.
(4-14-88)

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NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Felt Forum—St. Patrick's Day can't be lucky for all Irishmen, as popular light heavy **Chris Reid** (173, Little Silver, N.J.) discovered this evening when unknown **Vince Hopper** (173½, Detroit) help him to a split draw in the 10-round main event.

Lack of punching power kept Hopper from a clear victory; Reid was cut over the left eye in the third and by the right eye in the seventh, and was able to do little more than stay aggressive. Hopper defended and countered well throughout the fight, and had Reid in serious trouble in the closing seconds from a well-timed combination. The crowd seemed to think Hopper had won,

and judge Georgie Colon agreed, giving the visitor a 6-4 edge. But judge Bernie Friedkin had it 7-3 the other way, and judge Jack DeFaris diplomatically called it a 5-5 draw. *The Ring* had it 5-4-1, Hopper.

Reid, whose record is 19-1-2, 18 kayoes, is now pretty well exposed as a willing brawler who bleeds too easily and whose legs give out too early. Hopper, who appeared to have risen to his level of competence with this fight, is 13-2-2, six kayoes. Al LoBianco refereed.

In a co-feature scheduled for 10, **Seamus McDonagh** (181, Brooklyn) stopped Raymond Gonzalez (181, Houston) at 2:39 of the seventh. A very boring match: Gonzalez apparently just wanted to hang in for a few rounds, and it's hard to knock out a guy who's just surviving. But McDonagh worked hard and finally decked Gonzalez late in the seventh with a sweeping right to the jaw. Gonzalez rose at seven, was promptly down again from a left to the body, and was declared defeated by ref Johnny Colan. Gonzalez is now 9-7, five kayoes; McDonagh remains unbeaten at 12-0-1, nine kayoes.

In a rather odd scheduled 10, Matt Farrago (157, Center Moriches, N.Y.) was credited with a sixth-round stoppage of Pat Prisco (159½, Madison, N.J.) under doubtful circumstances.

Prisco outboxed Farrago handily for the first four rounds, the clumsy Farrago throwing lots of leather but landing mainly on Prisco's arms. Farrago won the fifth round mainly on the strength of a big left hook a few seconds before the bell which left Prisco very woozy indeed. Farrago stormed out of his corner at the start of the sixth, battered Prisco to the canvas, then hit Prisco three or four times, very hard, while Prisco was on all fours. Ref Oscar Perez blew it in a big way by counting over Prisco, then stopping it as soon as Prisco, who looked away, had arisen. A disappointed Prisco went to 19-5-1, five kayoes; Farrago's carefully maintained record is now 23-0-1, 10 kayoes, and let's hope he runs out of lucky breaks soon.

What looked like it was going to be a damn good fight was nipped in the bud when **Robert Folley** (176½, Irvington, N.J.) failed to come up for the fourth in a scheduled 10 against **Lenny LaPaglia** (176, Chicago). The first three rounds were a first-rate boxer-slugger confrontation, with LaPaglia occasionally landing some brutal shots but generally being outsmarted by the clever Folley. The third was a brilliant round on both sides, with LaPaglia ripping to the body and Folley countering with rights to the head. But at the end of that round, Folley complained to ref Al LoBianco that he couldn't breathe through his nose, leaving the ref no alternative but to call a halt. LaPaglia picked up his 31st win, 28th inside the distance, against five losses; Folley is 15-5, seven kayoes.

Bernard Gray (130, Boynton Beach, Fla.) improved to 19-0, 13 kayoes, when John Boyd (130, Houston) retired after the sixth in a scheduled eight. Boyd threw a few good punches, but was always off-balance and went wobbly every time he was hit in return. Gray should have stopped his man sooner but apparently can't fight well on the inside. Perez refereed.

Joey Winters (195, Smithtown, N.Y.) won a one-sided four-round nod over George Wilson (196, Wilmington, Del.), decking his man for a short count in the third. All three officials, and *The Ring*, scored it 4-0, which is now Winters' record as well. Wilson, understandably, is 1-4. Colan refereed.

In the walkout, James Hackett (149, The Bronx) and Marco James (151, Newark, N.J.) began their careers with a four-round draw. *The Ring* saw a slight edge to James, although he was down in the opening round from a quick right. Perez refereed.

Timekeeper: Cecilio Pedraja.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmaker: Bob Goodman.
Attendance: 1,852.

(3-17-88)

▶**NEW YORK CITY**—Felt Forum—**Howard Davis, Jr.** (140, Glen Cove) lived up to his usual low standards of excitement in producing a 10-round points win over Shelton LeBlanc (137, Carencro, La.) in the main event. It was an extraordinarily dull fight, in which neither man showed much offense; Davis won with clever combinations, lacking in seriousness, perhaps, but delivered with admirable speed. LeBlanc proved once again that underdogs who wear velour trunks never score upsets. Judge Al Reid scored it 9-1, judge Ted Wint, 8-2, and judge Carol Castellano, 7-3, all for Davis. *The Ring*, always striving for symmetry, had it 6-4, Davis. Davis' record now stands at 31-4-1, 14 kayoes; LeBlanc is 22-6-1, 12 kayoes. Luis Rivera refereed.

Gino Gelormino (130½, Levittown, N.Y.) continued along the comeback trail with a fifth-round stoppage of

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3. Frank Bruno (England)
4. James Douglas (US)
5. Michael Spinks (US)
6. Tony Tucker (US)
7. Orlin Norris (US)
8. Francesco Damiani (Italy)
9. Tim Witherspoon (US)
10. Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
11. Willie de Wit (Canada)
12. Jose Ribalta (US)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Bert Cooper (US)
2. Patrick Lumumba (Kenya)
3. Anthony Witherspoon (US)
4. Taoufik Balbouli (France)
5. Bash Ali (US)
6. Al Scott (US)
7. Michael Greer (US)
8. Sammy Reeson (England)
9. Magne Havnaa (Denmark)
10. Glenn McCrory (England)
11. Daniel Netto (Argentina)
12. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Charles Williams (US)
1. Bobby Czyz (US)
2. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
3. Rufino Angulo (France)
4. Uriah Grant (US)
5. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
6. Anthony Willis (US)
7. Lenny LaPaglia (US)
8. Willy Featherstone (Canada)
9. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
10. Tom Collins (England)
11. Richard Caramanolis (France)
12. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Graciano Rocchigiani (Germany)
1. Lindell Holmes (US)
2. James Kinchen (US)
3. Chris Reid (US)
4. Vincent Boulware (US)
5. Nicky Walker (US)
6. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
7. Tarmo Uusivirta (Finland)
8. Nigel Benn (England)
9. Polly Pasiereron (Indonesia)
10. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
11. Victor Cordova (Panama)
12. Mark Kaylor (England)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Frank Tate (US)
1. Michael Nunn (US)
2. Iran Barkley (US)
3. Marvin Hagler (US)
4. Michael Olajide (Canada)
5. Doug DeWitt (US)
6. Herol Graham (England)
7. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
8. Mark Janssen (Australia)
9. Frank Winterstein (Germany)
10. Roberto Duran (Panama)
11. Tony Thornton (US)
12. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Matthew Hilton (Canada)
1. Buster Drayton (US)
2. Robert Hines (US)
3. Troy Waters (Australia)
4. Donald Curry (US)
5. Darrin Van Horn (US)
6. John Jackson (US)
7. Francisco DeJesus (Brazil)
8. Jose Varela (Germany)
9. Milton McCrory (US)
10. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
11. Rene Jacquot (France)
12. Lupe Aquino (US)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Simon Brown (US)
2. Tyrone Trice (US)
3. Mark Breland (US)
4. Al Long (US)
5. Rollin Williams (US)
6. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
7. Vincent Pettway (US)
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9. Hector Vilte (Argentina)
10. Marcello DiCroce (Argentina)
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
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1. Jong Jung Pacquing (Philippines)
2. Meldrick Taylor (US)
3. Harold Brazier (US)
4. Frankie Warren (US)
5. John Meekins (US)
6. Vinny Pazienza (US)
7. Engels Pedroza (Venezuela)
8. Saoul Mamby (US)
9. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
10. Rudolfo Gonzales (Mexico)
11. Courtney Hooper (US)
12. Thomas Nkalankete (France)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Haugen (US)
1. Pernell Whitaker (US)
2. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
3. Amancio Castro (Colombia)
4. Fred Pendleton (US)
5. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
6. John Duplessis (US)
7. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
8. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
9. Sakad Petchyindee (Thailand)
10. Terrence Alli (US)
11. Lester Ellis (Australia)
12. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rocky Lockridge (US)
1. Tyrone Jackson (US)
2. Lupe Suarez (US)
3. Harold Knight (US)
4. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
5. Tomas DaCruz (Brazil)
6. Ariel Duran (Philippines)
7. Jim McDonnell (England)
8. Felipe Orozco (Colombia)
9. Salvatore Bottiglieri (Italy)
10. Tony Lopez (US)
11. Geron Porras (Philippines)
12. Joe Rivera (Puerto Rico)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (US)
1. Hector Lopez (US)
2. George Navarro (US)
3. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
4. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
5. Jeff Franklin (US)
6. Mauricio Stecca (Italy)
7. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
8. Alexander Wassa (Indonesia)
9. Tracy Harris Patterson (US)
10. Bernard Taylor (US)
11. Irving Mitchell (US)
12. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Moises Fuentes (Colombia)
2. Luis Mendoza (Colombia)
3. Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
4. Jose Sanabria (US)
5. Jesse Benavides (US)
6. James Pipps (US)
7. Valerio Nati (Italy)
8. Manuel Miranda (Puerto Rico)
9. Louie Espinoza (US)
10. Ruben Palacio (Colombia)
11. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
12. Loris Stecca (Italy)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kelvin Seabrooks (US)
1. Jimmy Navarro (US)
2. Fabrice Benichou (France)
3. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
4. Raul Perez (Mexico)
5. Ken Mitchell (US)
6. Thierry Jacob (France)
7. Frankie Duarte (US)
8. Hurley Snead (US)
9. Miguel Maturana (Colombia)
10. Wiem Sapulete (Indonesia)
11. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
12. Gaby Canizales (US)

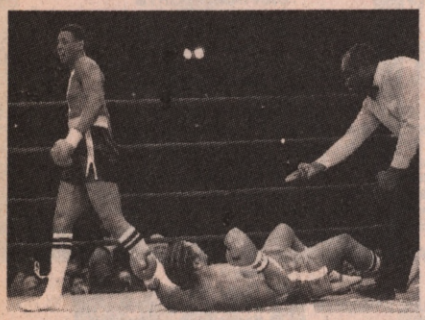
JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Juan Polo (Colombia)
2. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
3. Kong Payakaroon (Thailand)
4. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
5. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Republic)
6. Francisco Alvarez (Colombia)
7. Mauro Diaz (Argentina)
8. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
9. Luis Curtis (US)
10. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
11. Michael Parris (Guyana)
12. Orlando Canizales (US)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rolando Bohol (Philippines)
1. Duke McKenzie (England)
2. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
3. Ramon Medal (US)
4. Thanomsak Sithbaobey (Thailand)
5. Daorung Chuwatana (Thailand)
6. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
7. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
8. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
9. Mauricio Bernal (Colombia)
10. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
11. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
12. Nana Konadu (Ghana)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jum-Hwan Choi (Korea)
1. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
2. Sonny Vidal (Philippines)
3. Rudolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
4. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
5. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
6. Udin Beharudin (Indonesia)
7. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
8. Toribio Riascos (Colombia)
9. Virgillo Chifundo (Panama)
10. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)
11. Wilbaldo Salazar (Mexico)
12. Tony DeLuca (US)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Samuth Sithnarvepol (Thailand)
1. Eric Chavez (Philippines)
2. Nico Thomas (Indonesia)
3. Boy Lucas (Philippines)
4. Kajkong Danthoothai (Thailand)
5. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
6. Jon Arief (Indonesia)
7. Trang Bunlerd (Thailand)
8. Nana Suhana (Indonesia)
9. Hector Patri (Argentina)
10. Den Sorthanikul (Thailand)
11. Sang Hyun (Korea)
12. Luis Monzote (US)

Gary Stallworth (130, Cincinnati) in a scheduled 10. An indifferent performance by Gelormino, who's now 24-1, 16 kayoes: the inept Stallworth made a fight of it throughout, surviving a bad beating in the third round and a knockdown in the fourth, and was on his feet and fighting back when ref Nic Drake stepped between the principals at 1:47 of the fifth. The crowd disapproved of the stoppage, but it was a good call: Stallworth was clearly beaten, clearly not seriously hurt, but just as clearly about to be. His record is now 7-14-1, four kayoes.



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Undefeated heavyweight Alex Stewart walks away from Harry Terrell after flooring him with a left hook in the opening round. The kayo was Stewart's 11th straight as a pro.

Heavyweight prospect **Alex Stewart** (214, Brooklyn) scored his 11th kayo in as many fights by dispatching Harry Terrell (215, Cleveland) at 2:46 of the opening round in a scheduled eight. Stewart set his man up with a series of rights, then finished him with a stiff left hook to the jaw. Terrell took the full 10-count, though he conceivably could have arisen. He's now 16-11, seven kayoes. Drake refereed.

Jorge Maysonet (144, The Bronx) won his 15th against three losses, fifth by kayo, when Mohammed Kawoya (141½, New York City) retired after six rounds of a scheduled eight. Kawoya started out well enough, but was cut over the left eye in the first round and over the right eye in the fourth, and by that time appeared quite demoralized. Maysonet boxed and attacked well, but clearly can't punch much. The bout was stopped on the advice of the ringside physician when Kawoya's cuts had become dangerous. Harry Smith refereed. Kawoya's 11-3, eight kayoes.

Frankie D'Orio (134½, Somerville, Mass.) made his New York debut by stopping Alberto Alicea (132½, Albany) at 2:20 of the third in a scheduled six. The first two rounds were competitive; in the third, Alicea was down three times, once from a left to the body and twice from rights to the jaw. Ref Luis Rivera declared D'Orio the winner on the third knockdown; it was his 10th kayo on a 12-2 record. Alicea is 3-5, one kayo.

Mike Williams (159, New York City) had a surprisingly easy time with Stewart Daniels (159, Queens), stopping him at 1:55 of the first in their scheduled six. Daniels was hurt and on the defensive from the opening seconds onwards; the end came when Williams landed four very hard — and unanswered — rights to the head. Ref Harry Smith stepped in at exactly the right time. Both men now sport records of 4-2, two kayoes.

In one of those surprisingly good novice bouts, Dom Scibetta (161, Bayonne, N.J.) took a razor-close four-round decision from debuting Tony Banks (161, Brooklyn). Banks is a small Frazier with no defense and a big left hook; Scibetta is a light-hitting but very busy technician. Scibetta outboxed his man in the first; Banks hurt Scibetta once or twice in the second. A wild left hook had Scibetta on the deck early in the third, but he got up strong and fought well enough to have stolen the round notwithstanding. Both men were exhausted in the fourth, but Scibetta stayed as busy as he could; Banks didn't.

Judge Al Reid scored it 2-2 in rounds, but gave Banks a 3-2 points edge; judges Carol Castellano and Artie Levine, and *The Ring*, had Scibetta in front, 3-1. He's now unbeaten at 3-0. Smith refereed.

In a battle of debutants, Roosevelt Walker (147, Newark, N.J.) stopped Tony Sales (146½, Yonkers, N.Y.) at 0:25 of the third in a scheduled four. A long right hand hurt Sales early in the second; he got woozier as the round went on, and when Walker resumed his attack early in the third, ref Drake didn't bother to see any more.

Andrew Gordon (176, Springfield, Mass.) evened his record at 3-3 by winning a very dull unanimous four-round nod over Dennis Hogan (171½, The Bronx) in the walkout. Hogan, now 2-3, seemed to lose his desire early on, but in fairness it didn't look like either man was really dying to be there. Drake refereed.

Timekeeper: Tom Kenville.
Announcer: Ed Derian.
Promoter: Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmaker: Bob Goodman.
Attendance: 2,632.
(3-25-88)

JOSEPH D'O'BRIAN

OHIO

▶**GIRARD** — Mahoning Country Club — Anthony LaQuatra, 122, Pittsburgh, scored a unanimous, eight-round decision over Kim Jackson, 122, Elkhart, Indiana.

LaQuatra came on strong in the fourth and scored a knockdown in the fifth to cement the victory.

The semi-windup between Wallid Underwood, 139, Youngstown, and Bobby Wagner, 140, Pittsburgh, brought the house down. Both fighters took turns rocking each other over the six rounds, leaving the fans screaming for a rematch when the draw verdict was announced.

Steve Brown, 159, Warren, used quick combinations to gain a majority, six-round nod over an aggressive Ruben Torres, 159, Cleveland, who did some nice body punching.

Billy Brock, 126, Pittsburgh, wore down Craig Watkins, 128, Louisville, Ohio, scoring a TKO at 2:07 of the third, scheduled four.

Willie Phillips, 225, Sharon, Pa., weathered a first-round barrage to pound out a TKO over Charlie Morgan, 245, Duquesne, Pa., at 2:50 of the third of another scheduled four.

Lindsay Morgan, 162, Youngstown, used effective

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jabs and solid combinations to take a close, majority four-round decision over Ron Beasley, 163, Pittsburgh.
Promoter: Jim Corbett/Corbett Enterprises.
Matchmaker: Greg Augustine.
Attendance: 400 (est.).
(4-12-88)

ERICH GLIEBE

TENNESSEE

▶**BRISTOL**—Sometimes a "no-name" card can deliver more excitement than anticipated. That is exactly what happened at the Bristol Boxing Arena as all seven scheduled bouts ended prematurely.

Light heavyweight David Tate of Kingsport, Tennessee got the KO action underway with a second-round TKO over Mike Shaw of Welch, West Virginia.

Bristol's Mark Carrier, in another light heavyweight contest, scored a TKO over Cincinnati's Abel Hoskins at 2:55 of the opening round.

Middleweight Mike Belcher, Bristol, was awarded a TKO over Barry Morris, Hamilton, Ohio, when Morris failed to answer the bell for the fourth round.

Another West Virginian, 250-pound Jessie McGhee of Welch, floored "Tiger" Eugene Colbert of Cincinnati three times in the second round and was awarded a TKO under Tennessee's three-knockdown rule.

In the middleweight division, Eddie Roberts of Kingsport scored a TKO in the third round over Cincinnati's Leon Shavers.

Bristol's Terry Dyer ran his undefeated record to 4-0 with a second-round KO of Steve Schaff, Dayton, Ohio heavyweight.

And, in the best fight of the evening, light heavyweight Robert Clevenger, Newport, Tennessee, lasted into the sixth and final round with Richard Mason of Cincinnati.

Clevenger made it into but not out of the final round as Mason dropped him twice, forcing referee Deacon Bowers to halt the contest.

If crowd satisfaction is the yardstick by which a fight card is judged, this was a very good card, indeed.
Promoter: Larry Carrier.
Announcer: Chip Surber.
Referees: Deacon Bowers, Jim Cradic, & Cotton Jackson.
Attendance: 2,000.

JERI SURBER

Greg Dickson upped his pro record to a 15-1 with a second-round TKO over David Allen in Memphis.

▶**MEMPHIS**—Omni-Daisy Theatre—Celebrating his 23rd birthday, Greg "The Beale Street Hitman" Dickson, defended his Mid-South Boxing Southern welterweight title by knocking out David Allen in the second round of their scheduled 12-rounder.

The victory improved the record of Dickson, 147, Memphis, to 15-1, while Allen, 147, Marshall, Texas, fell to 6-4.

Late in the opening round, a left hook by Dickson floored Allen. Allen went down again in the second frame and was rocked several times upon arising. Referee Jim Kidd called it at 2:18.

Dickson told Pete Wickham of *The Commercial Appeal* in Memphis, "I worked hard in the gym for a month, especially on the jab, trying to do different things with it. But I hit the guy one time real good with it, and he didn't come back."

Allen, who had trouble with the reach of the 6-2 Dickson, told Wickham, "The first time Dickson got me, he knocked the wind out of me."

Brian Grant, 162, Memphis, who was knocked out earlier this year by **John Mugabi**, was sharp in stopping Roger Holloway, 168, Hamilton, Alabama, at 1:44 of the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Knox Brown, 160, Memphis, won a unanimous, six-round decision over Ronnie Yoe, 161, Tupelo, Mississippi, after a good scrap. Yoe started quickly but was cut over the eye by a Brown left in the fourth round and took a standing eight count at the close of the fifth.

"Two years ago I put somebody away in a fight like that," Brown told Wickham.

Kentuckian Fred "Tank" Adams, now fighting out of Detroit, improved to 13-1 by stopping Memphis veteran Semmie Black, 133, at 1:10 of the third round of a scheduled four. The 18-year-old Adams weighed 131.

Elvin Evans, 202, West Memphis, Arkansas, stopped Covington's Johnny Boyd, 240, with just 12 seconds left in their four-rounder.

Clemie Buckingham, 138, Memphis, ended his pro debut swiftly, stopping late sub Percy Wright, 132, in just a minute of a scheduled four.
Promoters: Tom Harmon & Mid-South Boxing, Inc.
Matchmaker: Red Fortner.
Announcer: Sleepy Rutherford.
Judges: Sam Garland, Mark Acheson, Gilbert Beam, James Perkins & Haywood Watts.
Referees: Jim Kidd, Irving Tucker & Sam Garland.
Timekeeper: Rod Cardone.
Physician: Jeff Hoover.
Attendance: 550 (est.).
(4-5-88)

MICHAEL GLENN

▶**NASHVILLE—Randall "Tex" Cobb** captured a majority, 10-round decision over former world heavyweight champion **Leon Spinks**, then wisely announced his retirement in his new home town.

The 33-year-old Cobb took scores of 97-95 and 97-96, with the third card reading 95-95. But Cobb was being buttered by the end and he was kept overnight in a hospital, having suffered a concussion.

Cobb used his size to bully the 34-year-old Spinks against the ropes in the early going, and Spinks appeared to be hurt in the third and sixth rounds. But Spinks came back to hurt Cobb in the sixth and dropped him in the eighth.

The crowd thought the strong finish was enough to earn Spinks the win, but the judges didn't agree.
(3-18-88)

TEXAS

▶**CORPUS CHRISTI**—HEB Tennis Center—A title shot appears to be in the wings for **Lupe Suarez,** who knocked out Rene Constantino in the third round before a full house at the first outdoor card here in 20 years.

Suarez improved his record to 26-1 with 20 knockouts, and manager **Angelo Dundee** indicated he would pursue a nationally televised title match for his charge, with **Rocky Lockridge** or **Azumah Nelson** being possible opponents.

"I wanted to see how good he was at 130 pounds," Dundee told Richard Oliver, sports editor of *The Corpus Christi Caller-Times*. "He's very strong at this weight."

Constantino, who fell to 15-2, was in trouble right off the bat as Suarez landed a left to the body and followed with a short, overhand right that sent him down.

"I got him with a solid right, right behind the jaw," Suarez told Oliver.

Constantino, of Monterey, Mexico, survived the second, but the 27-year-old Suarez put him down again in the third and referee Jesse Garza counted him out at 1:46.
(4-9-88)

▶**HOUSTON**—Former world bantamweight champion **Gaby Canizales** became a former USBA bantamweight champion as well when he was beaten in 12 rounds by New York's **Kenny Mitchell.**

The decision was split, with Mitchell having two points deducted for butting.

Mitchell was the slicker boxer, but also outpunched Canizales at times as the two engaged in brisk exchanges.
(3-25-88)

VIRGINIA

▶**MECHANICSVILLE**—The Showplace Annex—There he was standing in his own corner, somewhat bemused and confused by what had just transpired. Is it all over already, he had to wonder.

Matthew Saad Muhammad, continuing on the backwater comeback circuit, hadn't even broken the proverbial sweat when his scheduled 10-rounder with "who he" Lee Harris, 180, Wheeling, WV, was stopped in less time than it took to introduce both boxers.

Harris, a same-day sub for the advertised Art Hall, was listed as 29 with a 10-7 record. He appeared more like 39, and a winning record in the loosely regulated Mountaineer state is anybody's guess.

Deputy Commissioner Doug Beavers couldn't quite put a fix on this guy, but he didn't want to scrap the card, which was already having ongoing cosmetic surgery.

Harris stampeded out of his corner with a death-wish motivation. He backed the startled ex-champ to the ropes with a laughable two-handed slapping of the body. Matthew then proceeded to push Harris to center ring and after missing with his very first punch, a lazy left, he then fired a straight right that dropped Lee to one knee. Though Harris was up on wobbly legs at the count of four, referee Earnie Green was instructed by Beavers to terminate the contest. The official TKO time was 0:30. Sorry fans, that's all she wrote; the jokes on you and it does absolutely nothing to enhance the credibility of Saad's acceptability.

Within seconds, Beavers was surrounded by reporters and he gave this explanation. "You don't want anyone getting hurt. This guy (Harris) was clearly no match for a fighter like Saad Muhammad. It's impossible to find out anything about guys like this in so short a time. I told them (the promoter, seconds and boxers) I'd let the fight go on with the understanding that I would stop the fight as soon as it was non-competitive, and I did just that."

As for Matthew, he resolutely stood by the serious-

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ness of his return. "I wanted to fight. I can't get the big time promoters to listen to me. I have to get wins, and this was a win. I wish it could have been a better guy, but I did what I had to do."

Floyd Favors, 132, D.C., making his first start since being TKO'd in 10 last April by Tyrone Jackson, improved his record to 10-1-1 with a technical win in three over Donnie Parker, 129, Baltimore. This scheduled eight was actually stopped at the 1:25 mark of Round Four when a cut Favors had received from an unintentional butt earlier in that round made it impossible for him to go on.

They went to the scorecards since it had gone beyond three full rounds and all three judges were in agreement that the workmanlike Favors was just too much for the nonsensical slap-happy routine of Parker. Floyd had taken all three rounds on each card. Ref; John Witt.

Rodney "Sugar Foot" Wyatt, 145, Richmond, displayed the eagerness of wanting to shake off the rust of a 10-month layoff by blitzing through an out-gunned Steve Lindsey, 147, Winston-Salem, NC. Wyatt dropped his switch-hitting foe twice and after arising the second time, Lindsey begged off. The scheduled four ended via a TKO at 1:28 of the first round. Ref; Art Levy. Reported records: Wyatt now 3-0, while Lindsey is 3-2.

William Galiwango, 149, Richmond, got himself an easy one as late sub Thomas Gilmore, 150, W-S, NC, was nothing more than a willing foil. Just before the bell ending the first round, Gilmore was dropped in his own corner by a short right hand. He managed to beat the count, but while on his stool during the rest period, he constantly shook his head side to side and retired from the action. According to Virginia rules, a boxer cannot quit between rounds. So Gilmore was put into a further embarrassing position by having to get up from his stool to answer the second-round bell and then referee John Witt counted 10 right in front of him. Galiwango wins this scheduled six by KO at 0:10 of Round Two.

In the show's only bout that was remotely competitive, Stacy "Panama" Burrus, 146, Norfolk, took a four-round, unanimous decision over debuting Martin Musoke, 148, Richmond via Uganda. The rugged and willing Musoke bulled Burrus to the ropes on numerous occasions, but Stacy was more than prepared to counter off them as he took each succeeding round by a slightly larger margin. Two judges had it 40-36, while the third saw it 39-38. *The Ring* gave it to Burrus 40-36. Ref; Art Levy.

Timekeepers: George Hall & Wayne Peters.

Promoter & matchmaker: Ray Brown.

Judges: Green, Witt, Oscar Bryan & Jim Traylor.

Attendance: 450 (est.).

(4-8-88)

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▶**STAFFORD**—So. Stafford High School—The aging van with the cauliflower doors finally arrived from Winston-Salem, but was it really better late than never?

It's always encouraging to see a local guy put on a club show in virgin territory using area youngsters. Trouble here was that few knew about this out of the way venue, the bouts were of inferior quality and one of the two ticket sellers got knocked off unnecessarily. Welcome to small-time professional boxing.

In the 10-round main event, Richmond's John Jarvis, 160, had his listed record raised to 19-2 with a no-sweat KO win over an ancient looking ring cutie by the name of Terry Duncan, 163, W-S, NC. Jarvis tattooed his ill-prepared foe about the ring, with the old man occasionally letting fly a right hand to the body. Both rounds one and two had to be non-competitive 10-8s even without a knockdown, in this "middleweight championship fight" (as billed).

In the third, an obviously pooped Duncan took the full count of referee Chris Wollesen at the 1:10 mark, compliments of a right hand upside the head. At least Duncan didn't lay down; he stood up (little movement) as long as his sorry legs could hold him.

Harold Rhodes, 131, took what amounted to a busman's holiday from his Jersey City, N.J., home and breezed to a TKO win at 1:21 of the opening round over a game, but none too ready Ken Lee, 133, McKeesport, Pa. Lee was floored twice in this scheduled six. Ref; Art Levy. Rhodes, who has faced much stiffer competition in Atlantic City, boosted his record to 5-2. As for Lee, who knows?

Two Stafford kids were hoping to make a name for themselves in scheduled fours.

Calvin Faggins, 126, bit off a little more than he could chew in relatively seasoned Wilfredo DeLaCruz, 126, Takoma Park, Md., now 3-3, and an experienced sparring partner to boot. Faggins, who was new to the pro game, had also lost his last amateur bout. He was slowly worn down by the rough and tumble treatment dished out by Wilfredo as they wrestled on the inside. Calvin finally caved in under the pressure and went down twice in the third as DeLaCruz got the TKO win at 2:28.

Faggins could have used more judicious matchmaking. Ref; Wollesen.

Paul Wilson, 145, helped restore some honor to the community when he won by TKO at 1:56 of the fourth against Kimara Davis, 147, Portsmouth, VA. Using wild rights to the body, Wilson slowly took command over his even skinnier opponent until Davis couldn't take it anymore and the bout was halted; no knockdowns.

At least the energetic Wilson was meeting someone his equal; neither with a pro record previously.

Another McKeesport import managed to last nearly four times longer than Lee, but nevertheless suffered the same final fate. Fabian Garcia, 174, Rockville, Md., went to 1-1 by taking a scheduled four via TKO at 0:58 of Round Two over Daryl Morgan, 169.

Morgan managed to make it that far only because Garcia appeared to be going easy on him. Morgan was dropped once in Round Two by a left hook. Ref; Art Levy.

Stacy Burrus, 145, Norfolk, was allowed to box for the second night in a row (see Mechanicsville results) on a discretion call by the commission, and he proved to be up to the task, easily dispatching of Stoney Wilson, 150, W-S, by TKO at 2:02 of the initial round; scheduled for four. Wilson was put down by a left hook. Later on, referee Levy stopped the contest. Wilson was reportedly in his first pro bout; it could well have been the first time he ever put on a pair of boxing gloves. Burrus is now a reported 4-1.

Judges: Oscar Bryan, Jim Traylor, & alternating referee.

Promoter & matchmaker: Troy Stone (Productions).

Attendance: 175 (Est.).

(4-9-88)

JACK OBERMAYER

WEST VIRGINIA

▶**STAFFORD**—John Jarvis, 158, Virginia, stopped North Carolina's Terry Duncan, 160, in the third round of the scheduled 10-round main event.

A scheduled six ended quickly, New Jersey's Harold Rhodes, 130, stopping Pennsylvania's Ken Lee, 133, in the first.

Four four-rounders filled out the card.

Maryland's Fabian Garcia, 174, stopped Pennsylvania's Daryl Morgan, 169, in the second.

Wil Dela Cruz, 126, Maryland, stopped local Cal Faggin, 126, in three.

Paul Wilson, 146, Virginia, stopped Kimara Davis, 148, Virginia, in Round Two.

Stacey Burris, 145, Virginia, stopped Stoney Wilson, 150, North Carolina, in the first.

Promoter: Troy Stone.

Referees: Woiolesen & Levy.

Judges: Bryan, Traylor & alternate ref.

Timekeepers: Latham & Hall.

(3-9-88)

CANADA

▶**EDMONTON**—In a slow contest, **Willie de Wit,** 215, Grande Prairie, won a unanimous, 10-round decision over **Henry Tillman,** 211, Los Angeles.

Tillman was unimpressive as de Wit controlled the bout which was marred by holding and clinching. There were no knockdowns, but Tillman suffered a cut eye from an accidental clash of heads.

The scores read 100-94, 98-94 and 97-95.

Former WBA junior featherweight titleholder **Louie Espinoza,** 127, Phoenix, Arizona, was victorious in Round Three of another scheduled 10 when referee Don Smart stopped his bout with Tony Cisneros, 126, Tucson, Arizona, after Cisneros had taken a pounding. Cisneros was game, but outclassed.

Kelly Perlette, 159, Spruce Grove, used a devastating body attack to stop Dean Shannon, 161, Vancouver, referee Kim Mah halting the scheduled eight in the third.

Danny Stonewalker, 184, Fort McMurray, suffered a slight cut on the bridge of his nose, but had little trouble winning a unanimous, eight-round verdict over Blake Gabriel, 189, Edmonton. The scores read 80-72 (twice) and 80-74.

The six-round opener between locals saw Stan Cunningham, 148, use good body shots to win a unanimous decision over Robbie Stowell, 149, all cards reading 60-55.

Promoter: Rod Proudfoot for Willie de Wit Enterprises.

Referees: Smart, Mah, Dave Ward & Barney O'Connor.

Judges: Sutton, Willox, Newman, Warwick, Berry & Rudd.

Timekeepers: Bob Blacklock & Harold Kitchen.

Announcer: Mark Lewis.

Physicians: Sollbach & Schwarz.

Attendance: 7,100. Gross: $175,000 (est.).

(3-29-88)

▶**TORONTO**—Varisity Arena—The career of **Shawn O'Sullivan** came to a sudden end when the Olympic silver medalist was flattened in two rounds by former stablemate **Donovan Boucher** for Boucher's Canadian welterweight title.

The 25-year-old O'Sullivan, who had been stopped in 11 rounds in his previous bout against Luis Santana, had called this match a "must-win" situation and announced his retirement immediately following the disastrous result.

Boucher floored O'Sullivan with a right in the second round, and O'Sullivan barely beat the count. Referee Harry Davis watched the swaying O'Sullivan and called it off before he could receive more punishment, the time being 46 seconds into the session.

O'Sullivan pressed the fight and scored well, but Boucher was also landing from his countering position. Just before the bell, a combination by O'Sullivan hurt Boucher. Boucher had landed a good right that hurt O'Sullivan briefly in the first, and scored again with it in the second. The wobbled O'Sullivan scored with a left hook, but missed a second and Boucher landed a counter right flush on O'Sullivan's chin.

(3-25-88)

MEXICO

CAMPECHE

▶**CAMPECHE**—Jorge Jimenez Loeza (Schmeling II) TKO'd Carlos "Canas" Hidalgo in nine rounds of a lightweight match.

Bantamweight Victor Witinea stopped Manuel Hong in eight rounds.

Carlos "Conejo" Briceno knocked out Moises Chi in the third round of a featherweight bout.

In another featherweight match, Froilan Barrera chilled Francisco "Gato" Alcocer in the first.
(2-5-88)

CHIAPAS

▶**TAPACHULA**—Mario Olmedo won a unanimous, 12-round decision over Miguel Angel Dominguez to capture the Mexican welterweight crown which was vacated by Felipe Vaca last November.

Lightweight Felix Solano stopped Mario Salgado in one.

Bantamweight Fernando Valencia won a 10-round decision over Daniel Guillen.

Toki Cruz stopped Fernando Farrera in the fifth round of a flyweight match.
(2-21-88)

CHIHUAHUA

▶**JUAREZ**—Fernie "Matorrito" Morales won a unanimous, 12-round decision over Alberto "Hungaro" Martinez, the brother of Mario "Azabache" Martinez, to capture the Mexican bantamweight title.

Welterweight Martin Lopez knocked out Martin Estrada in two.
(2-19-88)

GUERRERO

▶**ACALPULCO**—David "Diablillo" Cruz embalmed Jose Apango in the seventh round of a bantamweight match.

Featherweight Alberto Cervantes stopped Vincente Castillo in two.
(2-12-88)

▶**ZIHUATANEJO**—Nacho "Tigre" Perdomo outpointed Rosemberg Rosas over 10 rounds, lightweights.

Luis Morales decisioned Antonio Hernandez in another 10-round lightweight bout.
(2-13-88)

HIDALGO

▶**ACTOPAN**—Featherweight Lauro Rodriguez knocked out Domingo Mayoral in two rounds.

Bantamweight Arturo de Jesus chilled Sergio Trenado in three.
(2-12-88)

MEXICO CITY (FEDERAL DISTRICT)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Flyweight Jose Antonio "Pipino" Perez improved his record to 22-1-2 with 16 knockouts by stopping Martin Reyes in three rounds.

Featherweight Emilio Silva notched his fourth victory against one loss by stopping Ruben Hernandez in three rounds.

Alfredo Torres stopped Rogelio "Chato" Velazco in four of a lightweight match.

Jose Bernal won a unanimous decision over Goyo Flores in an eight-round lightweight contest.

Aristeo de la Cruz chilled Mauro Ramos in the first round, welterweights.
(2-6-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Armando Castro stopped Jose Felix Montiel in the fourth round to retain his Mexican super flyweight title.

Featherweight Rafael "Gato" Toledo demolished Miguel Gonzalez in two.

Lightweight Ricardo Campos destroyed Martin Sanchez in one.

Manuel Cosme halted Armando Alvarez Sanchez in the second round of a featherweight matchup.

Jorge Porras won a split, four-round verdict over Alfonso Garcia in the bantamweight class.
(2-13-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Felipe "Choco" Moreno stopped Felipe "Tiburon" Rolas in the fourth round of a lightweight bout.

Fernando Martinez stopped Martin Ortega in two, flyweights.

Francisco Gonzalez knocked out Angel "Changa" Vargas in two, featherweights.

Daniel Flores and Aristeo de la Cruz drew in a six-round welterweight bout.

Bantamweight Maximiliano "Maxi" Garcia stopped Juan Bautista in three.
(2-20-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Coliseo—Jesus "Chuyia" Rojas decisioned Omar Flores in a 10-round lightweight matchup.

Lightweight Roberto "Costeno" Molina stopped Jose "Toro" Hernandez in six.
(2-27-88)

▶**MEXICO CITY**—Arena Naucalpan—Juan Carlos Lopez posted his seventh knockout when he de-

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3. Pinklon Thomas (US)
4. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
5. Francesco Damiani (Italy)
6. Adilson Rodriguez (Brazil)
7. Tim Witherspoon (US)
8. Jose Ribalta (US)
9. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
10. Orlin Norris (US)

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Evander Holyfield (US)
1. Sammy Reeson (England)
2. Bert Cooper (US)
3. Toufik Balbouli (France)
4. Michael Greer (US)
5. Patrick Lumumba (Uganda)
6. Oswaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
7. Jose Burlon (Uruguay)
8. Sherman Griffin (US)
9. Glenn McCrory (England)
10. Olian Alexander (US)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Virgil Hill (US)
1. Jean-Marie Emebe (France)
2. Tony Willis (US)
3. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
4. Tom Collins (England)
5. Ramzi Hassan (US)
6. Bobby Czyz (US)
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SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
2. Lindell Holmes (US)
3. Victor Cordova (Panama)
4. Chris Reid (US)
5. James Kinchen (US)
6. Jay Strickland (US)
7. Frankie Minton (US)
8. Nicky Walker (US)
9. Wang-Sup Lee (Korea)
10. Vincent Boulware (US)

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Champion
Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
1. Marvin Hagler (US)
2. Michael Nunn (US)
3. Herol Graham (England)
4. Iran Barkley (US)
5. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
6. Roberto Duran (Panama)
7. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
8. Doug DeWitt (US)
9. Robbie Sims (US)
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Champion
Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
1. Buster Drayton (US)
2. Donald Curry (US)
3. Darrin Van Horn (US)
4. Carlos Elliot (Japan)
5. Milton McCrory (US)
6. Robert Hines (US)
7. John Mugabi (Uganda)
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Champion
Marlon Starling (US)
1. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
2. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
3. Mark Breland (US)
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JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Juan Coggi (Argentina)
1. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
2. Meldrick Taylor (US)
3. Harold Brazier (US)
4. Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)
5. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
6. Engels Pedroza (Venezuela)
7. Eun-Sik Lim (Korea)
8. Vincent Releford (US)
9. Tek N'Kalankete (Zaire)
10. Tsuyoshi Hamada (Japan)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
1. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
2. Pernell Whitaker (US)
3. John Duplessis (US)
4. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
5. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
6. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
7. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
8. Rafael Pineda (Colombia)
9. Alberto Cortes (Argentina)
10. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Brian Mitchell (South Africa)
1. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
4. Harold Knight (US)
5. Tyrone Jackson (US)
6. Lupe Suarez (US)
7. Jean-Baptiste Mendy (France)
8. Jim McDonnell (England)
9. Jackie Beard (US)
10. Sin-Heung Lee (Korea)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
1. Jose Marmolejos (Panama)
2. Valerio Nati (Italy)
3. Tyrone Downes (Barbados)
4. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
5. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
6. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
7. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
8. Mitsuru Sugiya (Japan)
9. Jean-Marc Renard (Belgium)
10. Chan-Yong Park (Korea)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bernardo Pinango (Venezuela)
1. Julio Gervacio (Dominican Republic)
2. James Pipps (US)
3. Louie Espinoza (US)
4. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
5. Jose Sanabria (Dominican Republic)
6. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
7. Loris Stecca (Italy)
8. Luis Mendoza (Colombia)
9. Mark Horikoshi (Japan)
10. Pedro Decima (Argentina)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Wilfredo Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
1. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
2. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
3. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
4. Raul Perez (Mexico)
5. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
6. Frankie Duarte (US)
7. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
8. Kenny Mitchell (US)
9. Hurley Snead (US)
10. Lucilo Nolasco (Dominican Republic)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Kaosai Galaxy (Thailand)
1. Kiyoshi Hatanaka (Japan)
2. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
3. Kong Payakaroon (Thailand)
4. Thanomsak Sithbaobay (Thailand)
5. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
6. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
7. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
8. Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)
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10. Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
1. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
2. Duke McKenzie (England)
3. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
4. Orlando Canizales (US)
5. Paul Gonzales (US)
6. Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)
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9. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)
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JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Myung-Woo Yuh (Korea)
1. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
2. Mario Demarco (Argentina)
3. Hideyuki Ohashi (Korea)
4. Humberto Gonzalez (Mexico)
5. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
6. Wilibardo Salazar (Mexico)
7. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
8. Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)
9. Carlos Orobio (Panama)
10. Jose Zepeda (Mexico)

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Rafael Gamez (Venezuela)
1. Bong-Jun Kim (Korea)
2. Tony DeLuca (US)
3. Kenji Yokosawa (Japan)
4. Sam-Joong Lee (Korea)
5. Aguston Garcia (Colombia)
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molished Jose Solis, Guerrero lightweight champion, in the first.

Featherweight Geronimo de la Cruz decisioned Justino Ramirez over 10.
(2-6-88)

PUEBLA

▶**CAMPECHE**—Candelario "Changuito" Carmona stopped Roman Jiminez in the seventh round of a bantamweight contest.

Alejandro "Gavilan" Hernandez stopped Martin Manny in four, featherweights.
(2-6-88)

GUANAJUATO

▶**SAHAGUN**—Gerardo "Gato" Sanchez won a five-round technical decision from Bernardo Sanchez in the featherweight division.

Pedro Casas decisioned Javier Santibanez in a 10-round lightweight match.
(2-5-88)

NORTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**TIJUANA**—Protecting his Top 10 ranking in *The Ring* ratings, bantamweight **Raul "Jibaro" Perez** decisioned Rodolfo "Colorina" Ortega over 10 rounds.
(2-1-88)

▶**MEXICALI**—Jorge "Maromero" Paez stopped Elpidio Infante in the eight round of a lightweight contest.

Lightweight Marco Antonio "Cachorro" Ramirez knocked out Victor Moreno in the third.

Pacific junior flyweight champion Raul Rios chilled Jose Manuel Diaz in the third round of a non-title match.

Bantamweight Jose Luis Bedolla demolished Gildardo Duenas in one.
(2-6-88)

▶**MEXICALI—Lenny "Pichon" Valdez** knocked out former Mexican featherweight champion Narciso "Chicho" Valenzuela in the eighth round.

Featherweight Fili Montoya stopped Conrado "Zorrita" Lopez in one.

Jorge "Canon" Hernandez decisioned Jose Luis Rivera in a 10-round lightweight match.

Bantamweight Rosendo Medina chilled Jose Luis Alejo in nine.
(2-20-88)

QUINTANA ROO

▶**ISLA MUJERES**—Flyweight Jose Esteban "Momia" Quijano stopped veteran Pastor Brito in the ninth round.
(2-20-88)

SINOLA

▶**CULIACAN**—Jose "Galan" Lopez knocked out Pablo Carrasco in the first round of a lightweight bout.

Featherweight Felipe Torres chilled Armando Reyes in one.
(2-20-88)

SONORA

▶**NAVOJOA**—Lightweight Sergio "Chocolate" Zambrano destroyed Martin "Bum Bum" Diaz in one.

Pablo Valenzuela decisioned Juvenal Lupian in a 10-round lightweight bout.

Featherweight Eduardo Mendoza stopped Alejandro Hernandez in one.
(2-20-88)

▶**OBREGON**—Jorge "Cocas" Ramirez embalmed Juan Garcia in the third round of a lightweight battle.

Bantamweight Tony Valdez knocked out David "Zamorita" Reyes in five.
(2-20-88)

SOUTH BAJA CALIFORNIA

▶**LA PAZ**—Isais Lucero won a unanimous, 12-round decision over Juan "Idi Amin" Hernandez to capture the Mexican light heavyweight championship.
(2-27-88)

VERACRUZ

▶**POZA RICA**—Jorge Vilchis stopped "Yeyo" Tejeda in the first round of a light heavyweight bout.

Geronima de la Cruz won a 10-round decision over Justino Ramirez in the featherweight division.
(2-12-88)

YUCATAN

▶**MERIDA**—Javier "Candelita I" Varguez knocked out Jorge "Estudiante" Rivera in the sixth round of a flyweight scrap.

Felipe "Huracan" Gutierrez stopped Manuel Hernandez Pozo in three, bantamweights.

Oscar Gallegos stopped Arturo Lopez in four rounds, lightweights.

Bantamweight Tony Mendoza won a six-round decision over Ernesto Matos.

Bantamweights Hernan Cob and Manuel Ku drew in four.
(2-20-88)

TAMAULIPAS

▶**REYNOSA**—Jorge "Sal" Fuentes won a unanimous decision over Carlos "Monkey" Salinas in a 10-round featherweight go.

Flyweight Homero Guel knocked out Jaime "Canon" Olivera in four.

Welterweight Enrique Noriega chilled Juan Lopez in one.
(2-5-88)

EDUARDO AMER

CENTRAL AMERICA

PANAMA

▶**PANAMA CITY**—Nueva Panama Gym—Tuning up for his ill-fated WBA lightweight title match with **Julio Cesar Chavez, Rodolfo Aguilar** stopped modest journeyman Pedro Padilla of Colombia in the ninth round.

Padilla is a stiff puncher who moves forward behind a swing and a prayer. But as it turned out, the gamble of Aguilar's manager, Luis Spada, nearly backfired, almost costing Aguilar his shot at Chavez.

The southpaw Aguilar, a boxer with a classic style, looked unsettled and was badly shaken in the first and second rounds, as was Padilla. But in the fourth, the crowd was on its feet as the fragile-looking Aguilar was floored and almost KO'd.

Bearing in mind the high level of beer consumption among the crowd to combat the fierce heat, for a moment things looked potentially dangerous.

The anxious Mr. Spada was on his feet yelling, no doubt sensing his big April payday was fast slipping through his fingers. But Aguilar got through it and from the next round on Padilla began missing a lot and ran out of gas. In the first minute of the ninth he collapsed from exhaustion and was thus officially KO'd.

A friendly local punter sitting at ringside wasn't impressed, commenting, "Chavez will find this boy easy meat. He'll study him in the first round and KO him in the second."

As it turned out, Aguilar made it into the sixth.

The program had been lined up for the afternoon to allow a live transmission to South Africa, a welcome coincidence in any case as the former fun-loving Panama City has become a nightmare after dark, with clubs and discos empty and troops and thugs roaming the streets.

The bill had an international flavor and former world champion **Roberto Duran**, looking like a paunchy, aging caricature of mustachioed Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa, and current WBA flyweight titleholder **Fidel Bassa** of Colombia were in attendance.

Latin American junior welterweight champ Aguilino Asprilla, 140, of Panama went in against Nika Kumalo, South Africa's lightweight champion who weighed 134. Asprilla, known as "El Matador," was 25-7-1 with 17 KOs coming in. Kumalo, called "The Sting," was 21-2-2 with 13 KOs.

In Kumalo's corner sat Carlos Jacobi, also manager of South Africa's WBA junior lightweight monarch **Brian Mitchell.** An Argentinian, like Spada, he looked far more flamboyant in his white suite and red boots. A dapper character with an Errol Flynn-mustache, Jacobi was complemented not to say overshadowed, by the only female valet in Panamanian boxing, Maria Totto, also wearing white, but weighing about twice as much as Jacobi!

In a pulsating opening session, Kumalo whipped in some cracking left hooks and put his punches together in formidable fashion. He lost his balance or was knocked down momentarily, but it was the Panamanian

who seemed to be already feeling the pace, holding often. In the second, Kumalo threw caution to the wind, blitzing the Panamanian with an explosive combination to the body and head.

South African flyweight champion Welcome Ncita, unbeaten in 19 fights and considered his country's best prospect, stopped Lincoln Salcedo of Ecuador in the seventh round.

The Latin American flyweight champion, Salcedo, 115, entered the ring 20-1, while Ncita, 119, was unbeaten in 19 bouts.

There were fleeting moments when the South African, with his mouth open, appeared sluggish, while Salcedo seemed more compact with a tight defense. The sweltering heat was astonishing, and pools of sweat gleamed on the back of the Cape Town fighter, who threw wild blows. At the finish, Salcedo still appeared sharper, but he was bleeding heavily.

Edgar Montserrat, 119, Panama, stopped Venezuela's Cesar Salas, 119, in the fifth round.

Ernesto Ford, 117, Panama, stopped Oscar Bolivar, 117, Colombia, in the ninth.

The stadium has seating for 16,000 but only 1,563 attended, probably reflecting both the current political situation and the decline in interest in boxing by the general public. The gate, for what was a world-class program, was $4,908. And ringside seats were just eight dollars.
(2-20-88)

JAMES DUSGATE

SOUTH AMERICA

COLOMBIA

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—La Cueva Del Pulpo—Juan Rodriguez, Pivijay, Magdalena, outpointed Alfredo Gomez, Cartagena, in an eight-round bantamweight bout. Referee Luis Estrada.

Three-time Colombian amateur champion Julio Coronelli debuted and KO'd Buenaventura's Orlando Hurtado in the first round of a flyweight bout, referee Alberto Ferreira intervening at 2:42.

Manuel Salas also made his debut, gaining a four-round decision over Medellin welterweight Abel Alarcon.

Rafael Zuniga, Cartagena featherweight, knocked out Alfonso De Leon, also of Cartagena, in the third round.

Barranquilla's Alvaro Mercado KO'd Cartagena's Alfredo Cardales in the second round of a flyweight match.
(3-4-88)

▶**SANTA MARTAS**—Villa Olimpica Simon Bolivar — **Agustin "Baby" Garcia,** former Colombian flyweight contender, knocked out Bernardo Ceballos, Cartagena, in the third round.

Ismaldi Pineda, Santa Marta, decisioned Fernando Rios in a 10-round lightweight contest.

Local welterweight Diosmel Anaya outpointed Claudio Cassiani, Palenque, in 10.

Rodolfo Blanco, another former contender, knocked out Jose Iriarte in two rounds of a flyweight bout.

Welterweight Libardo Barrios won a 10-round decision over Emiro Oliveros.
(3-4-88)

▶**BARRANQUILLA**—Tomas Suri Salcedo Basketball Stadium — Manuel Salas, 145, used a left hook to the jaw to knock out Leovigildo Hernandez, 146. Both are from Barranquilla.

Julio Coronell, Plonuevotown, 106, knocked out Cartagena's Remberto Munoz, 105, with a series of blows in the first round of a scheduled four. Referee, Carlos Maria.

Alvaro Mercado, 113, Barranquilla, stopped Manuel Julio, Cartagena, 112, in the second. Referee, Julio Garrido.

Uriel Londono, Medellin, 110, knocked out Cartagena's Luis Salazar, 108, in the fourth round. Salazar was down twice in the final session.

Jose Bermudez, 147, Cartagena, stopped Barranquilla's Anibal "Suzuki" Miranda, 147, in the sixth of a scheduled 10 to capture the Colombian welterweight crown. Miranda was winning, but a right by Bermudez in the fifth round cut Miranda's lip and the ringside physician stopped the match. Referee, Luis Estrada.

Rodolfo Blanco, 112, Colombia, knocked out Panama's Eduardo Tunon, 110, in the second round. Referee, Carlos Hernandez.

A noisy protest was raised after **Augustin "Baby" Garcia** won an unmerited decision over Orlando Maestre of Barranquilla. Each weighed 106.
(3-25-88)

▶**SAHAGUN** — Felipe Angulo retained his Colombian junior lightweight title by knocking out Alejandro Ricardo in two rounds.
(3-25-88)

LUIS A. GONZALEZ

GUYANA

▶**GEORGETOWN**—National Sports Hall—Raul Frank, 137, got the nod with a split decision over Marcelle Daniels in the 10-round main event, which proved to be a close, but dull contest.

The first four rounds were just about even, with Frank, the heavier puncher, holding his own during rounds five through eight, while Daniels, who was the aggressor throughout, made a last-ditch effort to dominate the ninth and 10th.

He caught only the eye of judge Trevor Arno, who scored 97-95 in his favor. Frank got the votes of Frank Fernandes, 97-94, and Eion Jardine, 97-95, to boost his record to 9-0, while Daniels falls to 8-3.

In the supporting 10, Lancelot Cyrus, 134, failed to answer the bell for the final round, giving Linden Mortley, 133, a TKO win. Cyrus was dropped on three occasions, but had Mortley in trouble several times, a failure to follow up proving costly. His retirement was surprising as he dropped to 3-8-2, while Mortley improved to 7-2.

Winston Goodridge used good counterpunching and boxing skills to outclass the hard-punching Lalta Narine in their bantamweight eight-rounder. Judges Humber Green and Harold Duncan carded 79-73 and 78-74, respectively, for Goodridge, but judge Ulrie Busby saw it for Narine, 77-75. That vote was most surprising as Goodridge, 119, had dominated at least six rounds. Goodridge is 4-7, Narine, who weighed 117, is 8-4.

In the card opener, Malcolm Hawker, 115, repeated a previous win over Malcolm Darson, 114, via a unanimous eight-round decision. Andrew Thorne scored 78-75, Green saw it 80-72 and Arno agreed, 79-75. Hawker is 2-5, Darson is 0-7-2.

Promoter: Frontline Promotions.

Referees: Harold Duncan, Eion Jardine, Frank Fernandes & Bertrand Adams.

Judges: Andrew Thorne, Humber Green, Trevor Arno, Ulric Busby, Harold Duncan, Bertrand Adams, Eion Jardine & Frank Fernandes.

Physician: H.C. Hugh.

Timekeeper: John Quail.
(3-27-88)

WILL BOODHOO

EUROPE

AUSTRIA

▶**VIENNA**—Middleweight Edip Secovic knocked out Ian Chantler in the fourth round.
(3-19-88)

FRANCE

▶**SAINT BRIEUC**—Anaclet Wamba won an eight-round decision over Ives Monsieur in the heavyweight class.
(3-19-88)

▶**ROUEN**—Jose Mailot won a 10-round decision over Belaid Khaldi for the French lightweight championship.
(3-25-88)

▶**HAYANGE**—Vincent Mastroello scored an eight-round decision win over Areski Bakir.
(3-26-88)

▶**PARIS**—Richard Caramanolis regained the French light heavyweight championship by stopping Rufino Angulo on a cut eye in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.

Caramanolis, a former European champion, had lost his national title in 1987 when an Angulo left hook flattened him in the second round. This time, Caramanolis, aware of Angulo's power, used his boxing skill and was dominating when the bout was stopped.

The vacant French middleweight championship also found a ruler when Andre Mongelema knocked out Jean Noel Camara in the fifth round of another scheduled 10. Mongelema used a right hook for the finisher.

Jean Claude Fontana won a decision over Helios Custos in an eight-round middleweight bout.

In another eight-round middleweight bout, Akim Zeroual decisioned Jean Pierre Inama.

Heavyweight Jacob Tchantchuing knocked out Alain Barbier in the first.
(3-28-88)

▶**SAINT QUENTIN**—Gilbert Dele stopped Jean Paul Roux in the second round of a scheduled 10-rounder for the French junior middleweight championship.
(4-2-88)

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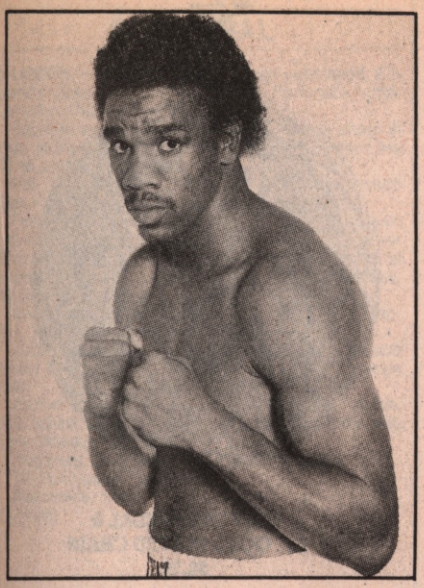

IBF light heavyweight champ "Prince" Charles Williams enjoyed his first trip to Paris, stopping easy-mark Jim Shavers in a non-title bout.

▶**PARIS**—Palais Des Sports—Chris Tiozzo got off the floor in the second round to win a highly disputed 12-round split decision over fellow Frenchman Pierre Joly to capture the latter's European middleweight title. Joly landed the more effective punches and had Tiozzo in trouble on at least three different occasions. However, Tiozzo piled up junk points over the last four rounds to steal the verdict.

The crowd of around 3,000 showed its displeasure with the decision by jeering for almost 10 minutes after the scores were announced. Loser Joly was carried back to his dressing room on the shoulders of the fans.

In the co-feature, IBF light heavyweight champion **"Prince" Charles Williams,** making his first start in six months, hammered outclassed Jim Shavers, Minnesota, for a TKO victory when Shavers failed to answer the bell for Round Six. Both men weighed 178½.

Williams is scheduled to return to France in early June to defend his IBF belt against Frenchman Richard Caramanolis in Annecy.

Welter **Aaron Davis,** New York City, won an eight-round majority decision over England's Judas Clottey.

Middleweight **Ronnie "The Dragon" Essett,** Indianapolis, KO's Akim Zeroual, Paris, in Round Four.
(4-14-88)

GERMANY

▶**HAMM**—Zentralhallen—With Germany's KO matador, welterweight champion Jose Varela, having to withdraw from his bout with American Sammy Floyd, this show lost some of its glamor and drew an audience of just 400. Varela stopped American Marc Stevens in just 2:35 eight days prior, but it was long enough for him to suffer a cut right eyebrow, which took him off this card.

At welterweight, Salvador Yanez, with a cut right eye, found himself on unfamiliar ground, having to go the distance of eight rounds to decision Belgian Pascal Germijus. In a hard-fought battle, third man Norbert Krosch gave the Belgian a standing eight and in frame eight Germijus went to the canvas.

Welterweight Marco Unverdruss, ahead on points, stopped fellow-German Mathias Wirth in four rounds. Wirth visited the canvas in Round Three and his cut left eyebrow warranted a stoppage.

Tanzania welterweight Bozon Haule got off the boards to stop his Spanish opponent Antonio Nunez Diaz, who called it a day after taking a count in the fourth.

German middleweight Young Paddy Pipa, still nursing an injured nose from a training session, took things easy but still decisioned his Belgian opponent Fabian Chapelle over six rounds.

Local-based Turk Nyasi Aytekin beat his German opponent Jurgen Broszeit, referee Werner Kasimir stopping the middleweight bout not a minute too soon with 2:48 gone in the seventh after Broszeit had taken a count from some blows to the head.

Heavyweight Walter Eberling beat fellow-German Hans Gimborn, who appeared to be winning before he was forced to retire with an injured hand at the close of Round Four.

Promoter: Nordhessen.
Matchmaker: Olaf Schroder.
Referees: Werner Mundt, Krosch & Kasimir.
Physician: Rudolf Habelitz.
Timekeepers: Otto Hesse & Horst Borzoskowski.
(3-19-88)

▶**HAMBURG** — Wandsbek Sport Hall — Three German champions, one also holding a European crown, put in appearances on this six-bout card that served up a good evening's boxing, though no titles were at stake.

European and German lightweight champion **Rene Weller** decisioned Spaniard Jose Antonio Hernandez over eight rounds, then announced his retirement at the age of 34, though he failed to mention vacating his European crown and reports have him in line for a possible WBA super featherweight title shot against South Africa's **Brian Mitchell.**

Weller, whose five-year-old daughter Kim served as round card girl, lost just once in 47 fights and, along with Gustav Scholz and Eckhard Dagge, ranks as one of Germany's most successful boxers since WWII.

Weller was a man of class, neither humble in the ring, nor arrogant out of it. He had a special quality that put him a cut above the rest. He had the desire for victory, an able defense, well-prepared attacks, highly technical and tactical skills, psychological conditioning and intricate combinations.

Middleweight Tony Bawa, Ghana, beat Yugoslav Trimirt Jandrek, who was counted out by German referee Arthur Ellensohn in Round Five.

Middleweight Owen Reece of Germany made his professional debut by stopping Yugoslav Mehmed Zolic in the third.

German light welterweight champion Konny Mittermeier drew in six rounds with German-based Turk Senturn Ozdemir. Ozdemir was down, but came back to deck Mittermeier in the third.

East German junior champion as an amateur, Silvio Mieckley won his second paid start with a decision over Marko Unverdruss in four rounds. Referee Werner Kasimir gave Unverdruss an eight count, but he recovered well to stay the full course.

German light middleweight champion Erwin Heiber clearly outpointed Spaniard Angel Hernandez over eight.

Promoter: Hans Jurgen Pedersen.
Attendance: 2,200.
(4-9-88)

JACK TREE

HOLLAND

▶**ARNHEM**—Former European light heavyweight champion Alex Blanchard continued his comeback, winning a convincing, eight-round decision over Minnesota's James Shavers.

The 30-year-old Blanchard boxed well and made good use of combinations, though unable to score much with his right as Shavers crowded him in a dogged effort.

Dutch heavyweight John Emmen stopped England's Barry Ellis in the fourth round of a good bout, the victory earning Emmen a shot at **Francesco Damiani's** European championship. The stoppage appeared quick, though, as the two had fought hard on even terms, Emmen being slightly in front when the match was stopped because of a cut at the corner of Ellis' left eye.

A scheduled eight in the light heavyweight division was no contest as Pedro Van Raamsdonk flattened Dennis Banton in the first. Van Raamsdonk finished a flurry with an uppercut and the Englishman went down. He was knocked down a second time, this one for good.

Dutch heavyweight Henk Van Der Tak made his first appearance in four years, scoring a six-round decision over German-based Englishman Horace Fleury.
(3-14-88)

▶**ROTTERDAM**—Light heavyweight Eric Nicoletta decisioned John Held in eight rounds.

In another light heavyweight eight, Jan Lefeber decisioned Serge Bolivard.

Heavyweight Jean Veis stopped Dick Stupers in three.

Heavyweight J.R. Fidio knocked out Rob Nieuwenhuizen in two.
(3-28-88)

ITALY

▶**ROMA** — Nicola Parrino won a six-round decision over Stefano Del Tufo in the welterweight class.

Santo Colombo decisioned Abderahim Laachira in a six-round middleweight match.

Lightweight Marco Cordeschi decisioned Salim Hamdouche over six.
(2-18-88)

▶**LATINA** — Francesco Dell'Aquila stopped Angelo Liquori in the third round of a match for the Italian middleweight championship.

Dell'Aquila weighed 157½ to Liquori's 158.

Piero Morello, 131¾, won in the third round when Faical Naifer, 135¾, was cut and unable to continue.

Paolo Agostinelli, 160, notched a six-round TKO over Maxaya Kabamba, 157, when Kabamba's corner threw in the towel.
(3-19-88)

▶**CROTONE** — Alessandro Picardi stopped Antonio Picardi in the sixth round of a bout for the Italian flyweight championship when the latter was cut and unable to continue.

Light heavyweight Mauro Galvano decisioned Ndomingiedi Lusikina over six.

Lightweight Antonio Renzo won a five-round TKO on cuts over Fernando Blanco.

Lightweight Ben Sayell was declared winner in the fifth round when Jose Paisan was ruled out for fouling.

Guerrino Sorgentone decisioned Mohamed Quhmad in a six-round welterweight bout.
(3-26-88)

▶**SPOLETO** — Salvatore Bottiglieri, 125¾, decisioned Alvaro Bohorquez, 125, over 12 rounds.

Featherweight Museta Bingunia knocked out Ben Sayed Benjedou in three.

In another featherweight bout, Prisco Visconti decisioned Haddari Mastouri over six.
(4-9-88)

▶**IGLESIAS** — Efisio Galici, 146½, stopped Francisco Bobadilla, also 146½, in the fifth round of a bout for the WBC international welterweight title.

Kamel Bou-Ali, 134, decisioned Rafael Gandarilla, 132½, over eight.

Loris Stecca, 125, stopped Miguel Pequeno, 123½, in four.

Maurizio Ronzoni, 143, stopped Ayari Taheb, 142, in three.

Roberto Franceschi, 135, won on a foul in the third round over Fathi Kaabi, 136¼.

Calogero Serio, 177¾, decisioned Moba Salay, 182, over six.

Salvatore Fanni, 116½, knocked out Mohammed Ben Ali Saidi, 115½, in the second.
(4-10-88)

▶**BUSALLA** — Vincenzo Belcastro, 117¼, knocked out Fabrice Benichou, 118, in the third round of a bout for the European bantamweight championship.
(4-13-88)

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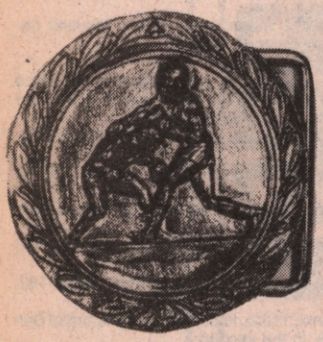

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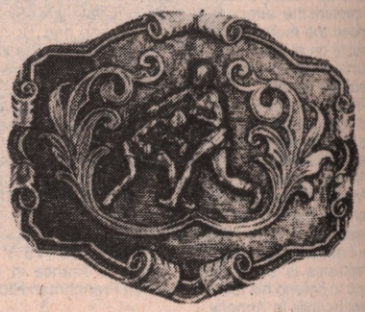

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PORTUGAL

▶**LISBON** — Returning from a seven-year layoff, England's Lloyd Lee, 148, decisioned Portugal's Victor Carvalho, 150, over six rounds.

Carvalho was the aggressor, but Lee was sharp in spite of the layoff, counterpunching well to earn the 60-55 score of referee Bernadino Ladiera.

Rob Thomas, 155, England, narrowly decisioned Stan King, 155, over six, winning, 59-58.

Pedro Sa, 175, appeared to benefit from a hometown call when he won his pro debut, a six-round verdict over England's Kevin McGrath. 178. Sa rallied in the final session to win the card of referee Quintas Ferreira, 60-59.

Joao Cabreiro, 154, outscored England's Barry Bennett, 156, the call being 60-57.

Southpaw Lee Amass, 132, outscored the aggressive Shane Tonks, 130, over six two-minute rounds between Brits.

Another six twos between Brits saw Shane Traylen, 149, appear unlucky to have to settle for a draw with Tony Simpson, 150.

Promoters: Gary Davidson & Victor Baptiste.

TV: Portuguese Television.

Attendance: 1,200.

(3-12-88)

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**BRADFORD**—St. Georges Hall—Substitute Kevin Taylor, 128½, Rochdale, outpointed John Boyd, America, 126¾, referee Mickey Vann scoring it 98½-97½ after 10.

Derek Wormald, 155, Rochdale, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Richard Wagstaff, 155, Morley, referee Harry Warner intervening at 2:20 of Round Six with Wagstaff under pressure.

James Conley, 147, Bradford, stopped Dave Kettlewell, 146¾, Leeds, referee Phil Cowsill calling a halt at 1:29 of Round One with Dave under pressure.

Frank Harrington, 144¾, Lancaster, beat David Binns, 145, Keighley, referee Cowsill intervening at 2:51 of Round Two when Binns sustained an eye injury.

Kevin Spratt, Yeadon, avenged a previous defeat by outpointing Darren Connellan, 136½, Rochdale, referee Warner scoring it 59-58½ after six.

(2-9-88)

▶**PETERBOROUGH**—Wirrina Stadium—Lennie Gloster, 139, Peterborough, now 33 years old, outpointed Peter Crook, Chorley, 139, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 78½-77½ after eight.

Debutant Neil Leggett, 128, Peterborough, outpointed Jimmy Vincent, 125, Birmingham, referee Les Thompson scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Another debutant, Steve Pike, 129, Peterborough, kayoed Phil Lashley, 126, Birmingham, referee Jacobs counting him out at 1:39 of Round One in a scheduled six twos.

Eddie Collins, 142, Peterborough, confirmed a previous win by beating Andy Catesby, 154, Bournemouth, referee Thompson calling a halt in Round One when Catesby sustained an eye injury.

Gary Barron, 136, Peterborough, kayoed Andy Pybus in 40 seconds of the opening round.

Alex Romeo, 172, Northampton, kayoed Tony Lawrence, 168, Kings Lynn, at 1:42 of Round One.

(2-14-88)

▶**LONDON**—National Sporting Club—Dave Dent, 148, Camden Town, stopped Frenchman Rodolphe Lavouiray, 147, referee Roy Francis intervening at 1:45 of Round Five after the Frenchman had been floored in the previous round.

Derek Angel, Camberwell, retained his unbeaten certificate by stopping Abner Blackstock, 189, Newport, referee Nick White intervening at 1:07 of Round Six in a scheduled eight twos with Blackstock under pressure. This confirmed a previous win.

Another to keep his unbeaten record was Eric Cardoza, 190¾, Daventry, who outpointed Chris Harbourne, 190, Birmingham, referee White scoring it 59-58 after six. Harbourne was down in Round Five.

Richard Dimmock, 142¼, outpointed Mick Chapman, 129½, Llanelli, referee Francis casting it 59½-58 after six twos.

(2-15-88)

▶**GRAVESEND**—Mark Fairman, 126, Abbey Wood, outpointed Stuart Fishermac, 125, Luton, referee Larry O'Connell scoring it 79-78½ after eight twos. Fairman was down three times and there was some booing at the verdict.

Paul Gadney, 136½, Woolwich, drew with Paul Burke, 135, Preston, over eight twos. Referee O'Connell. When they met previously Burke won on points.

Dave Lake, 141¾, Herne Bay, stopped Mark Pellat, 134¾, referee Paul Hillman intervening at 1:55 of Round Four in a scheduled six twos with Pellat under pressure. Lake had been down earlier in the round, but came back well.

Dean (brother of Dave), Herne Bay, 162, outpointed Dave Thomas, 164, Hull, referee Tony Walker casting it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Lee Amass, 132¼, Gravesend, beat Tony Foster, 133, Hull, the bout being stopped at 1:22 of the sixth and final (two-min.) round when Foster was cut by the right eye. He had been down three times.

Debutant John Love, 204½, Gravesend, kayoed Steve Garber, 224½, Bradford, at 1:24 of the opening round in a scheduled four twos.

(2-11-88)

▶**LONDON**—York Hall—In the World Sports Corporation's opening promotion American **Tim Witherspoon**, 223½, stopped Mexican Maricio Villegas, 248½, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:30 of Round Nine in a scheduled 10 with Villegas under pressure and injured around the eyes, nose and mouth.

Ray Newby, 136½, Nottingham, outpointed Wayne Weekes, 135, Plumstead, referee Nathan scoring it 79-77 after eight.

Lennie Howard, 184, Chelmsford, stopped John Williams, 182½, Tottenham, referee Davies intervening at 1:40 of Round Five in a scheduled six after Williams had been down.

Bobby Williams, 137½, Bushey, outpointed Neil Haddock, 136, Llanelli, referee Davies casting it 78½-78 after eight.

Max Wallace, 154½, Barnes, kayoed Jimmy McDonough, 156, Hastings, referee John Phillips counting him out at 1:00 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. McDonough was cut by the left eye and had been down previously.

Paul Deans, 151¼, Wapping, kayoed Glyn Mitchell, 147, Plymouth, in 1:27 of Round One with a right hook.

American Sugar Ray Thompson, 154¼, outpointed Joe McKenzie, 163¼, Newport, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.

(2-17-88)

▶**LONGFORD**—Heathrow Park Hotel—Floored in Round Three, Andy Till, 157, Northolt, came back to stop Geoff Sharpe, 161, Maidenhead, referee Roy Francis intervening at 2:56 of Round Five in a scheduled six after Sharpe had been down.

Paul Seddon, 143, Bedworth, stopped Mark Dinnadge, Eltham, referee Nick White calling a halt at 0:30 of Round Three in a scheduled eight twos after Dinnadge had been down.

Scott Durham, 126, Pontypridd, drew with Bertie James, 127½, Maidenhead, over six twos. Referee White.

(2-19-88)

▶**WOLVERHAMPTON**—Sporting Club—Tony Feliciello, 138, Rhyl, outpointed Kevin Plant, 138½, Denaby, referee Paul Thomas awarding Tony the verdict after eight twos.

Paul Bowen, 131, Wednesbury, kayoed Sean Hogg, 133, St. Helens, in Round Two of a scheduled six twos. Referee Bryan Arnott.

G.W. Gully, 142, Birmingham, outpointed Bobby Bowens, 141, referee Arnott scoring it 60-58 after six.

Alan Roberts, 131, Neath, outpointed Mick Greenwood, 131, Leicester, over six twos. Referee Thomas.

Dave Croft, 131, Doncaster, outpointed Peter Bowen, 135, over four twos. Referee Arnott.

(2-9-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—Scottish Exhibition Centre—Two Scots contested the British lightweight title, challenger Steve Boyle, 134½, Glasgow, knocking out champion Alex Dickson, 134¾, Larkhall, at 0:25 of Round Two in a scheduled 12 with a right to the jaw.

Scottish welterweight champion Gary Jacobs, 146, outpointed Del Bryan, 147, the Midlands Area champion, referee John Coyle scoring it 99-97 after 10. This was a final eliminator for the British title.

Craig Windsor, 130¾, Blantyre, outpointed Steve Pollard, 128, Hull, referee Len Mullen casting it 78½-78 after eight.

John Bennie, 133½, Hurlford, outpointed Nigel Senior, 134½, Nottingham, referee Mullen scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Gordon Shaw, 118¼, Glasgow, outpointed Johnny Knight, 121, Bridgwater, scoreline 59½-58½ after six.

(2-24-88)

READ THE RING

▶**SHEFFIELD**—City Hall—Slugger O'Toole, 159, Sheffield, won the Central Area middleweight title by stopping Ian Bayliss, 159¾, Preston, the holder, referee Mickey Vann intervening at 1:15 of Round Six in a scheduled 10 after Bayliss had been down twice.

Johnny Nelson, 186, Sheffield, stopped Cordwell Hylton, 189, Walsall, referee Vann calling a halt at 1:35 of Round One after Hylton had been down.

Glyn Rhodes, 139, Sheffield, beat Marvin P. Gray, 138, Consett, the bout being stopped after only 25 seconds of the opening round when Gray was cut by the left eye. Gray was under severe pressure at the time, but came in as a substitute in this scheduled eight-rounder.

Debutant Darren Mount, 138, Sheffield, outpointed John Townsley, 137, Glasgow, referee Phil Cowsill scoring it 59-58½ after six.

Paul Marriott, 139, Sheffield, outpointed David Bacon, 139½, Chesterfield, over six, referee Cowsill casting it 60-57½.

Lambsy Kayani, 129, Sheffield, outpointed Paul Chedgzoy, 128, Sheffield, referee Nick Kennedy scoring it 40-38 after four.

(2-23-88)

▶**ABERAVON**—Afan Lido—Peter Harris, Swansea, overcame the handicap of a cut by the left eye after a clash of heads in the opening round and won the vacant British featherweight title by outpointing Kevin Taylor, Rochdale, referee Morgan scoring it 118½-116½ after 12.

Floyd Havard, 131, Swansea, stopped American Richard Fowler, 133, referee Ivor Bassett calling a halt at 2:27 of the opening round after Fowler had been floored by a left hook.

Nigel Benn, 163, West Ham, beat American Greg Taylor, 160, referee Bassett intervening at 1:00 of Round Two when Taylor was cut by the left eye and bleeding from the nose. It had been all Benn, yet Taylor protested the stoppage.

Peter Till, 137, Walsall, outpointed Neil Haddock, 136, Llanelli, referee Roddy Evans casting it 78½-78 after eight twos.

Tony Collins, 157½, Yateley, stopped Geoff Calder, 155, referee Evans halting matters at 0:42 of Round Three after Calder had been down twice. This confirmed a previous win.

Mike Chapman, 128, Llanelli, outpointed Alan Roberts, Neath, referee Evans scoring it 59-58 after six twos.

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▶**OLDHAM**—Sports Centre—Joey Jacobs, 133½, Oldham, outpointed Ian McLeod, 134¾, Edinburgh, referee Larry O'Connell casting it 99-98 after 10. This was a final eliminator for the British lightweight title. McLeod afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Derek Wormald, 153, outpointed Judas Clottey, Ghana, 152, referee Ron Hackett casting it 99-96½ after 10. Wormald is undefeated in 13 bouts.

Emsley Bingham, 149½, outpointed Franki Moro, 150, Liverpool, referee Keith Garner's card showing 59-58½ after six.

Tony Ekubia, 139, easily defeated Lennie Gloster, 143, referee Hackett accepting Gloster's retirement at the end of Round Six in a scheduled eight.

Gypsy John Fury, 240, outpointed debutant Michael Murray, 220, referee Garner casting it 60-58 after six.
(2-23-88)

▶**SOUTHEND**—Cliffs Pavilion—Lightweight Mark Reefer, Bethnal Green, made it six in a row, all inside schedule, by knocking out Davey Robb, Telford, with a right hand after previously flooring him with a left hook. Referee Dave Parris.

Brian Schumaker, Liverpool, made it 11 in a row by outpointing Winston Burnett, Cardiff, over eight twos. Referee Parris. This was Burnett's 89th bout, and he is anxious to reach the 100 mark. The last boxer to do that was Ray Fallone in 1975.

Billy Sim, Hornchurch light heavyweight, beat Adam Cook, Crindau, the bout being stopped in the sixth and final (two min.) round when Cook sustained an eye injury.

Debutant Jeff Watts, 124½, Elm Wood, outpointed Mick Greenwood, 130½, Leicester, over six twos.

Dean Bramhald, 142, Doncaster, outpointed Dave Lake, 142, Gravesend, Parris scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Ronnie Stevenson, Doncaster bantam, outpointed Chris Cooper, Torquay, scoreline 60-57 after six twos. It was the third occasion on which Stevenson has beaten Cooper.
(2-24-88)

▶**GLASGOW**—St Andrews Sporting Club—Steve Williams, 176, Grangemouth, stopped Cliff Curtis, 172, who retired at the end of Round Three because of an eye injury. Referee Billy Rafferty.

Dave Adams, 123¼, Kirkcaldy, kept his unbeaten certificate by outpointing Graham O'Malley, Middlebrough, referee Len Mullen scoring it 59½-58 after six.

Andy Galloway, 144, Motherwell, outpointed George Balgrie, 143¾, Edinburgh, referee Mullen casting it 79-78 after eight twos.
(2-29-88)

▶**BRADFORD**—Yorkshire Executive Sporting Club—Frank Grant, 163, Bradford, stopped Steve Coffey, 163, Sheffield, referee Harry Warner halting matters at 0:40 of Round Three in a scheduled six twos after Coffey had been down and was cut by the left eye.

Debutant Terry Duffus, 176, stopped Maurice Thomas, 171, Bradford, referee Keith Garner intervening after only 40 seconds after Thomas had been down.

Steve Winstanley, 131, Chorley, outpointed Neil Leggatt, 131, Peterborough, referee Garner casting it 59-58½ after six.

Jim Beckitt, 148, Newham, outpointed Ray Taylor, 145, Great Harwood, referee Warner casting it 59-58½ after six twos.
(2-29-88)

▶**COPTHORNE**—Effingham Park—Chris Eubanks, 156, stopped Darren Parker, 157, Leicester, referee Larry O'Connell calling a halt after only 1:20 of Round One with Parker under pressure. Chris was substituting for his brother Peter, and it was his British debut after five wins in a row in America.

Leigh Wicks, 156, Brighton, outpointed Seamus Casey, 158, over six twos.

Roger Silsby, 163, Brighton, outpointed Richard Bustin, 168, Norwich, referee Jack Snipe scoring it 59-58½ after six.
(2-15-88)

▶**BEDFORD**—Corn Exchange—Branko Pavlovic, 177, kept his unbeaten record by stopping Sean Stringfellow, 174, Worksop, referee Sid Nathan intervening at 1:45 of Round One in a scheduled eight twos after Sean had been down.

Gary DeRoux, 128, Peterborough, beat Joe Duffy, 127, Glasgow, referee Nathan calling a halt in Round Two after Duffy sustained an eye injury.

Doug Calderwood, 171, Sheffield, outpointed Darren Burford, 167, Blackfriars, over six twos. Referee Paddy Sower.

Michael Justin, 153, Nottingham, outpointed Mark Howell, 156, Nottingham, over six twos. Referee Sower.

Mark Goult, 126½, Norwich, outpointed Kid Sumaila, 128, Ghana, over six twos. Goult was down three times. Referee Sower.

Alex Romeo, 174, Nottingham, outpointed Calvin Hart, 175, Lowestoft, over six twos.
(2-23-88)

▶**LEICESTER**—De Montfort Hall—Former British light welterweight champion Tony McKenzie, 141¾, Leicester, stopped Jeff Decker, the Northern Area champion, 141¾, Whitley Bay, referee John Keane intervening at 1:49 of Round Two after Decker had been down.

Derek Amory, 126¼, Birmingham, confirmed a previous win by outpointing Tony Heath, 124¼, Loughborough, referee Larry Thompson scoring it 79-78 after eight twos.

Warren Slaney, 138, Leicester, returned after two years inactivity to knock out Whipper Dean, 137¾, Norwich, at 1:37 of Round One in a scheduled six twos. Referee Keane sensibly didn't bother with the count so that Dean could receive attention from the ringside doctor.

Nick Riozzi, 158, Leicester, outpointed Eddie Collins, 154, Peterborough, referee Thompson scoring it 59½-58½ after six twos.

Rocky Burton, 228¼, Bedworth, also returned after inactivity to outpoint Ian Priest, 208, Alfreton, referee Thompson casting it 59-58½ after six twos.

Gary Barron, 138, Peterborough, drew with Kevin Plant, 139, Rotherham, over six twos. Referee Thompson.
(2-24-88)

▶**LONDON**—York Hall—Former European featherweight champion Jim McDonnell, 131¾, Camden Town, outpointed American Rafael Gandarilla, 132, referee Mike Jacobs scoring it 99½-96 after 10.

R.W. Smith, 155, St. Ives, retired nearly two years ago because of a shoulder problem, but looked good in stopping substitute Seamus Casey, 158, Alfreton, referee Jacobs calling a halt at 1:30 of Round Three in a scheduled eight after Casey had been down twice.

Jimmy Peters, 178½, Southampton, made it six in a row by stopping Byron Pullen, 178, Newport, referee Reg Thompson intervening at the end of Round Six in a scheduled eight twos. Peters had been down twice.

Darren Dyer, 150, kayoed Donald Gwynn, America, 149, at 1:24 of Round One in a scheduled six.

Derek Grainger, 148½, Bethnal Green, kayoed debutant Richard Thomas, 148, Burnt Oak, at 1:55 in Round Three of a scheduled six twos. Referee Thompson didn't bother completing the count in order that Thomas could receive attention.

Mike Russell, 144½, Plymouth, outpointed Tony Gibbs, 144, East Ham, referee Thompson scoring it 59-58½ after six twos.
(2-25-88)

RON OLVER

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AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND

▶**BRISBANE**—Festival Hall—Former IBF junior lightweight titleholder **Lester Ellis**, who won the Australian lightweight title last year and still holds it, became dual champion of this country when he halted defending national junior welterweight champion Pat Leglise at the end of Round Five.

With the Australian title went Leglise's South Pacific and South Seas junior welter crowns.

A cut high on Leglise's forehead brought referee Alan Moore's stoppage, but Leglise appeared to be an odds-on loser in any case.

Leglise did well early, but Ellis took charge in Round Four, while Leglise became ragged. In the fifth frame Leglise was decked twice, a right to the head just after Leglise suffered his cut dropping the defending champion the first time. Shortly before the bell Leglise was dropped again, and he beat the doleful decimal on shaky legs.

On behalf on Leglise, he needed a warmup or two before tangling with Ellis. Four months ago he knocked out an inept Fijian named Kini Nabiki in Round Four,

but that was not even a workout. His last fight prior to that had been a year earlier.

Leglise, who weighed 140 pounds, said he will begin chasing the Australian welterweight title. Ellis, who weighed 139¾, said he plans to do the same as he desires to become a triple Australian champion. But Ellis added that he also plans to defend his lightweight and junior welterweight crowns.

Ken Carter, 135, stopped Bruce Crowe, 140, at the end of Round Six of their scheduled 10-rounder. It was a bruising battle, but Carter was in charge throughout until Moore stopped it.

Noel Thornberry, 160, pulled one out of the fire, turning defeat into victory against Alex Tui, 156, in a scheduled eight. Thornberry seemed on the verge of being stopped in Round Six when he unleashed a right uppercut and Tui fell in a heap. He just beat the count, but was so groggy Moore stopped it.

There was a boxer named **Dean Winstanley.**. After a few fights, he changed his name to **Dean Amiott**. He fought an eight-rounder on this bill against Peter Mastroiani, only this time he called himself **Dean Layton!** So, for the record, Dean Layton, 154, drew with Peter Mastroiani, 153. Add this fight to the records of Dean Winstanley and Dean Amiott.

In a scheduled four, Dave Chaffey, 143, stopped Mark Hanson, 142, when Hanson was cut above the eye and unable to continue in Round Three. Chaffey was well ahead in any case.

Greg Perkins, 165, outpointed Jeff Hardman, 168, in three rounds.

Flash Gordon, 135, won a three-round decision over Chris Fleming, 142.

Promoter: Reg Layton.

Attendance: 3,000 (est.).

(3-16-88)

▶**SURFERS PARADISE**—Centre Theatre—Ronald Doo, 147, retained his Queensland state junior middleweight title with a fourth-round stoppage of Guy Parker, 152.

A cut eye brought the stoppage of the scheduled 10 refereed by Alan Moore.

All judges had Doo well ahead at the end of Round Three, Eddie Francis seeing it 30-26, Cyril Cairne calling it 30-27 and Clyde Williams carding 30-27. Parker fought back to make it a hard fight, but Doo undoubtedly was the better fighter and boxer.

In the 10-round main support, Craig Petersen, 175, stopped veteran John Layton, 182, who was making a comeback. Referee George Barnes, former Australian and British Commonwealth welterweight champion, advised Layton's corner to turn it in at the end of Round Six.

Over eight rounds, Neil Garland, 121, outpointed Robert Spencer, 121. Steve Scott refereed the contest, which proved to be a very good one with Garland the boxer and Spencer, making his pro debut, the fighter. The scores were 78-75, 77-76 and 78-76, all in favor of Garland.

Troy Power, 134, knocked out Flash Gordon, 135, in the final round of a scheduled four.

Steve Hammer, 166, won a three-round decision over Greg Birdsall, 168.

Promoter: Mark Ericksen.

Attendance: 200 (est.).

(3-17-88)

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**MT. PRITCHARD**—Community Club—Jeff "Hit Man" Harding was taken the distance for the first time when Apollo Sweet stayed on his pins for 10 rounds in a bout for the vacant NSW state cruiserweight crown.

Sweet, who weighed 188½, fought in close, somewhat nullifying Harding's hitting power. But Harding, 182¾, won the scores of all the judges, Tony Rok voting 99-93, Mick Bennetto calling it 98-94 and Billy Males viewing it 98-94, also.

In the eight-round support, Chris Dawe, 132½, outpointed Mario Crissfulli, 136¾, with scores of 80-74, 79-75 and 80-71.

Three four-rounders ended in decisions.

Vito Gaudiosi, 162, outpointed Adam Clarke, 162¼.

Shaun Jenkins, 139¾, outpointed Joe Gatt, 138¾.

Danny Fletcher, 147¾, outpointed Brendan Foley, 140¾.

Scott Symons, 156½, knocked out John Lalas, 153¾, in the last round of a scheduled three.

Promoter: Frank Alexis.

Attendance: Capacity.

Referees: John Thompson & Billy Males.

(3-16-88)

RAY MITCHELL

NEW ZEALAND

▶**AUCKLAND**—Ponsonby Gluepot Hotel—In a welterweight bout former amateur star Michael Sykes retained his unblemished record when he stopped Babu Gounda at 2:35 of Round Four of a scheduled six.

The canvas was slippery and within seconds of the opening bell Sykes lost his footing and took a punch as he fell. He was given an eight count. Later in the stanza Sykes repaid the compliment, dropping his opponent heavily with a southpaw left cross.

By the third Sykes was on top with hurtful body blows, Gounda being willing in spirit, but lacking physically. Gounda was pounded into the ropes in the fourth, and the referee gave the Fijian a standing eight after which Gounda signaled he had suffered enough punishment for one night.

Rising middleweight James Higgens, a former kickboxer, impressed greatly in his scheduled six against vastly more experienced Sugar Joel. Higgens boxed and punched with an air of supreme confidence and purpose for the less than three minutes this contest lasted, Joel sagging to the canvas in pain from a dislocated shoulder.

At light heavyweight Joe Tanuvasa withstood a two-fisted, second-round onslaught from Sofear Lalei before Lalei conceded defeat at the close of the third round of the scheduled four.

Middleweights Monty Bhana and Paddy Junior sprightly contested six rounds, with Bhana's sharper showing and stronger initiative earning him a unanimous decision.

Nashad Ali won a unanimous four-round decision over Mudi Mudlia in a lightweight encounter.

Promoter: Johnny Glozier.

Attandance: 300.

(3-22-88)

▶**AUCKLAND**—Mandalay Centre—Australian Paul Toweel dominated Tony Naidu in their scheduled 10-rounder, winning when Naidu failed to answer the bell for the fourth round of the middleweight bout.

Toweel boxed cleverly, slipping punches with ease. At the end of the second round a left hook to the body sent Naidu reeling into the ropes where he received an eight count. In the third a vicious hook to the body had Naidu doubled in half against the ropes, and he took another count.

When the bell sounded for Round Four, Naidu refused to continue, claiming an injured leg!

In another middleweight match, New Zealand's Fred Toleafoa landed a perfect, short hook to the jaw of Samoan Fatu La'u to score a knockout in Round Three of the scheduled four.

A third middleweight bout, also scheduled for four, ended in the third as Australia's Vic Toweel was simply too much for Fiji's Maikeli Joel, whose corner fluttered in the towel as Joe was rising from a knockdown.

Promoter: Auckland Boxing Association.

Attendance: 300.

(3-24-88)

JOHNNY HANKS

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KOREA

▶**SEOUL**—Munhwa Gymnasium—Unbeaten **Myung-Woo Yuh,** the WBA junior flyweight titleholder, 107¾, successfully kept his throne for the seventh time as he took a unanimous, 12-round decision over Mexican Willie Salazar, 107.

Salazar, who had scored an upset KO of Isidro Perez, was regarded as dangerous opposition and the 24-year-old Yuh started cautiously with his guard in peekaboo position. The 23-year-old Mexican, much taller than Yuh, used his fast footwork to avoid mixing it up in close range as Yuh has a reputation as a fine infighter. Yuh continued stalking Salazar, and the fight developed a monotonous pattern.

In Round Nine, Yuh connected with left hooks and straight rights, and the Mexican landed several sharp jabs. Yuh was his best from the 10th on, catching Salazar with hard body shots that doubled up the Mexican, whose bicycle barely carried him away from a crisis.

Yuh's accurate right crosses opened a cut over Salazar's left eyebrow in the 11th and the last session saw the titleholder score with several fast combinations to clinch the victory that left him 25-0 with eight knockouts as Salazar slid to 24-9-1 with 17 KOs.

Albert Wilensky of the United States called it 116-113, William McConkey, also of the United States, had it 117-112 and Japan's Masakazu Kuwata saw it 118-110.

Yuh received $115,000, with Salazar pocketing $20,000.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.

Referee: Ed Eckard.

(2-7-88)

▶**CHUNJU**—Chunju Indoor Gymnasium—WBA super middleweight titleholder **Chong-Pal Park,** 167½, proved too strong for Indonesian Polly Pasireron, 168, and retained his title by flattening the challenger with a heavy body bombardment at 2:25 of the fifth round of a scheduled 12.

The 28-year-old Park acquired the WBA's newly created title by disposing of Mexican Jesus Gallardo in two give-and-take rounds December 6. The Korean had held the IBF title in the same division, defending it eight times before giving it up to win the WBA title. Pasireron, 31, was the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation middleweight champ, winning that crown by beating Suwarno last May, but he was unknown outside of his native Indonesia.

The two were cautious in the first two rounds, with Park taking command in the third, throwing good jabs to the face and sharp left uppercuts to the belly. Pasireron responded with roundhouse lefts and rights that missed their target. Park continued scoring in the fourth, following his fast jab with accurate one-twos to the face.

In Round Five Park exploded a left and right to the midsection and Pasireron collapsed in agony, stretched prone for the full count.

The poor loser fell to 14-4-1 with 10 knockouts, with Park improving to 46-3-1 with one no contest and 38 KOs. He is rumored to be entertaining a challenge from **Thomas Hearns,** who is interested in winning a fifth world title, but it is doubtful if Hearns considers the 168-pound class worthwhile. If no defense against Hearns materializes, Park will be obliged to face top contender **Fulgencio Obelmejias,** who stopped Park in 1981, in a grudge rematch.

Promoter: Dong-A Promotions.

(3-1-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

PHILIPPINES

▶**MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Filipino "Golden Boy" Rolando Bohol, 111½, became the IBF flyweight champion by taking a split decision over Korean Chang-Ho Choi, the defending titlist also at 111½, in 15 hot frames.

Bohol, from Papa Lope Sarreal's stable, showed his admirable gameness despite his swollen eye and a profusely bleeding forehead and proved to be a more skillful boxer than the hard-punching Choi.

Louis Race of the United States had it 145-141 and Alex Villacampa of the Philippines saw it 145-142, both for Bohol, but Korean Chul-Hee Han had it 147-143 for Choi., who had taken the crown from Filipino Dodie Penalosa last September.

As he did against Penalosa, the Korean started slowly while Bohol, using fast footwork, outboxed and outpunched him to build an early lead. Choi, three inches taller than the 5-4 Bohol, occasionally landed single shots, and Bohol's right eye began to close in the seventh, while blood from a cut on his forehead constantly covered his face with crimson. Referee Abraham Pacheco of the United States allowed him to fight on, and the bout became a total war with each warned for low blows, butts and hitting after the bell.

In the 13th, Bohol's eye was almost shut, but he kept jabbing, bobbing and dancing effectively to avert Choi's retaliations. Aware of his lead, Bohol shifted his strategy to hit-and-run, hit-and-grab, and Choi appeared frustrated at being unable to land his vaunted right.

When the 15th round ended, the crowd produced a thunderous roar. Bohol raised his credentials to 23-2-2 with just three knockouts, while Choi impaired to 13-3 with 10 KOs.

Though it certainly was one of the bloodiest battles in Filipino boxing history, the 85-year-old Sarreal, who had cultivated the late, great **Flash Elorde,** and Elorde's

attractive widow, Laura, an active promoter, appeared delighted with Bohol's triumph.
(1-16-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK**—Lumpinee Stadium—WBA junior bantamweight titleholder **Kaosai Galaxy,** 115, failed to score his seventh consecutive knockout in as many title bouts but kept his title with a close, but unanimous decision over Kongthoranee Payakarun, a compatriot at 114½, in 12 heats.

The southpaw Galaxy had iced all previous challengers since acquiring the vacant title via a six-round stoppage of Eusebio Espinal in 1984.

Kongthoranee, a former great in Muay-Thai (national kick-boxing), had a crack at then-WBC titleholder **Gilberto Roman** in 1986, but had been beaten badly. But the elder brother of ex-WBC super featherweight titleholder, Samart, was such an aggressive and tough puncher that he was talented enough to beat former titleholder Payao Poontarat in only his second pro fight in 1985.

Thus, a hot battle was expected in just the second world title bout between Thailanders in 21 years. Former world flyweight champion **Chartchai Chionoi** retained his championship by demolishing Puntip Keosuriya in three rounds in 1967.

However, it turned out to be a disappointment as Payakarun, a really tough guy who had never hit the deck in 132 kick-boxing fights, kept running around rather than mix with Galaxy, a flat-footed puncher who chased continually, but couldn't connect with his hard punches. Payakarun did score with a wicked right to the face of Galaxy in Round Five, dropping the titleholder on his side, but he beat the count and was saved by the bell. With pride and determination, Galaxy fought back hard in the next session, coming forward to trade solid blows with the elusive Payakarun.

The titleholder continued stalking his negative challenger, who aimed to counter, which he did in the 10th, catching Galaxy with another well-timed right. This time Galaxy stayed upright, and Payakarun was unable to capitalize on his advantage.

In the scoring, Panama's Meraldo Villalobos, 116-114, Japan's Masakazu Uchida, 116-113, and Korea's Eung-Myung Bae, 118-110, all favored the persistent Galaxy. Payakarun's corner angrily protested, but the challenger, usually a dauntless and courageous fighter, should have shown more aggression and it is a puzzle as to why he adopted unfamiliar hit-and-run tactics.

The 28-year-old Galaxy raised his credentials to 35-1 with 31 knockouts, while Payakarun fell to 12-2 with nine KOs.

Promoter: Songchai Ratanasuban.

Referee: Ken Morita.
(1-26-88)

JOE KOIZUMI

WORLD RATINGS BY THE WORLD BOXING COUNCIL
(As of March, 1988)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Tyson (US)
1. Frank Bruno (England)
2. Pinklon Thomas (US)
3. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
4. Adilson Rodrigues (Brazil)
5. Michael Spinks (US)
6. Jose Ribalta (US)
7. Carl Williams (US)
8. Tim Witherspoon (US)
9. Razor Ruddock (Canada)
10. Tyrell Biggs (US)
11. Tony Tubbs (US)
12. Orlin Norris (US)
13. Horace Notice (England)
14. Gary Mason (England)
15. Larry Alexander (US)
16. Renaldo Snipes (US)
17. Mike Williams (US)
18. James Douglas (US)
19. Anders Eklund (Denmark)
20. James Broad (US)
21. Greg Page (US)
22. Marvis Frazier (US)
23. Mike Evans (US)
24. Jesse Ferguson (US)
25. Dwayne Bonds (US)
26. Michael Dokes (US)
27. Jerry Halstead (US)
28. Charles Udalor (Nigeria)
29. James Pritchard (US)
30. George Foreman (US)

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Champion
Carlos De Leon (Puerto Rico)
1. Bert Cooper (US)
2. Michael Greer (US)
3. Taoufik Balbouli (Mauritania)
4. Patrick Lamumba (Kenya)
5. Glenn McCrory (England)
6. Sammy Reeson (England)
7. Daniel Netto (Argentina)
8. Jose Maria Flores (Argentina)
9. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
10. Olian Alexander (US)
11. Elijah Tillery (US)
12. Lee Roy Murphy (US)
13. David Russel (Australia)
14. Jesse Shelby (US)
15. Anthony Witherspoon (US)
16. Tony Fulilangi (Tonga)
17. Ralph Rocchigiani (Germany)
18. Arthel Lawhorne (US)
19. Spencer Chavis (US)
20. Jorge Dascola (Argentina)
21. Tee Jay (Ghana)
22. Magne Havnaa (Belgium)
23. Alfonso Ratliff (US)
24. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
25. Steve Marmino (US)
26. John Bogolin (Australia)
27. Andre McCall (US)
28. Nate Miller (US)
29. Eric Curry (US)
30. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Don Lalonde (Canada)
1. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
2. Tony Willis (US)
3. Ramzi Hassan (US)
4. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
5. Jean Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
6. Tom Collins (England)
7. Dennis Andries (England)
8. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Venezuela)
9. James Kinchen (US)
10. Bobby Czyz (US)
11. Eddie Davis (US)
12. Willie Edwards (US)
13. Alex Blanchard (Holland)
14. Chris Reid (US)
15. Richard Caramanolis (France)
16. Mark Kaylor (England)
17. Willie Featherstone (Canada)
18. Lotte Mwale (Zambia)
19. Uriah Grant (Jamaica)
20. Jeff Lampkin (US)
21. Jorge Salgado (Argentina)
22. Mike Sedillo (US)
23. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
24. Tarmo Uusivarta (Finland)
25. Vaughn Hooks (US)
26. Jeff Thompson (US)
27. Frankie Minton (US)
28. Lenny LaPaglia (US)
29. Mario Melo (Argentina)
30. Miguel Mosna (Argentina)

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Champion
Thomas Hearns (US)
1. Marvin Hagler (US)
2. Michael Nunn (US)
3. Iran Barkley (US)
4. Lindell Holmes (US)
5. Juan Roldan (Argentina)
6. Herol Graham (England)
7. Michael Olajide (Canada)
8. Roberto Duran (Panama)
9. Troy Darrell (Bermuda)
10. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
11. Jose Quinones (Puerto Rico)
12. Robbie Sims (US)
13. Frank Winterstein (France)
14. Doug DeWitt (US)
15. Kevin Watts (US)
16. Tony Thornton (US)
17. Mark McPherson (US)
18. Mark Janssen (Australia)
19. Ricky Stackhouse (US)
20. Tony Sibson (England)
21. Michael Watson (England)
22. Don Lee (US)
23. Sanderline Williams (US)
24. Matt Farrago (US)
25. Chris Tiozzo (France)
26. Davey Hilton (Canada)
27. Tim Williams (US)
28. Davey Moore (US)
29. Jose Da Silva (Brazil)
30. Hugo Corti (Argentina)

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Champion
Gianfranco Rosi (Italy)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. Don Curry (US)
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4. Milton McCrory (US)
5. Robert Hines (US)
6. Darrin Van Horn (US)
7. Carlos Elliot (Japan)
8. Duane Thomas (US)
9. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
10. Al Long (US)
11. Buster Drayton (US)
12. Chris Pyatt (England)
13. Troy Walters (Australia)
14. John David Jackson (US)
15. Said Skouma (France)
16. Jose Varela (Germany)
17. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
18. Rene Jacquot (France)
19. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
20. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
21. Herman Cavesuela (US)
22. Francisco De Jesus (Brazil)
23. Miguel Arroyo (Argentina)
24. Nino La Rocca (Italy)
25. Steve Little (US)
26. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
27. Royan Hammond (US)
28. Ramon Abeldano (Argentina)
29. Elio Diaz (Venezuela)
30. Jorge Castro (Argentina)

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Champion
Jorge Vaca (Mexico)
1. Lloyd Honeyghan (England)
2. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
3. Tyrone Trice (US)
4. Mark Breland (US)
5. Tomas Molinares (Colombia)
6. Maurice Blocker (US)
7. Seung-Soon Lee (Korea)
8. Rollin Williams (US)
9. Kirkland Laing (England)
10. Marcello Di Croce (Argentina)
11. Helio Santana (Brazil)
12. Fujio Ozaki (Japan)
13. Derrick Kelly (US)
14. Diomedes Colome (Dominican Republic)
15. Hugh Kearney (US)
16. Young Dick Tiger (Nigeria)
17. Vincent Pettway (US)
18. Sylvester Mittee (England)
19. Simon Brown (US)
20. Sung-Ho Chang (Korea)
21. Hector Hugo Vilte (Argentina)
22. Mauro Martelli (Switzerland)
23. Rumulo Casamonica (Italy)
24. George Collins (England)
25. Judas Clottey (Ghana)
26. Horace Shufford (US)
27. Shawn O'Sullivan (Canada)
28. Luis Santana (US)
29. Felipe Canela (US)
30. Wilf Gentzen (Australia)

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Roger Mayweather (US)
1. Harold Brazier (US)
2. Sang-Ho Lee (Korea)
3. Tsuyoshi Hamada (Japan)
4. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
5. Meldrick Taylor (US)
6. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
7. Eung-Sik Lim (Korea)
8. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
9. Cassius Clay Horne (US)
10. Mauricio Rodriguez (US)
11. Rodolfo Gonzalez (Mexico)
12. Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)
13. John Meekins (US)
14. Frankie Warren (US)
15. Hugo Hernandez (Argentina)
16. Howard Davis (US)
17. Vincent Releford (US)
18. John Montes (US)
19. Engels Pedroza (Venezuela)
20. Thomas Nkalante (France)
21. Hector Camacho (Puerto Rico)
22. Ronnie Shields (US)
23. Tyrone Crawley (US)
24. Allan Allegria (Philippines)
25. Hung-Kyu Lim (Korea)
26. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
27. Maurizio Ronzoni (Italy)
28. Harry Arroyo (US)
29. Jose Luis Saldivia (Argentina)
30. Tony Jones (Australia)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jose Luis Ramirez (Mexico)
1. Julio Cesar Chavez (Mexico)
2. Pernell Whitaker (US)
3. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
4. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
5. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)
6. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
7. John Duplessis (US)
8. Amancio Castro (Colombia)
9. Chil-Sung Chun (Korea)
10. Alberto Cortes (Argentina)
11. Frankie Randall (US)
12. Cubanito Perez (US)
13. Livingstone Bramble (US)
14. Vinny Pazienza (US)
15. Bong-Chun Park (Korea)
16. Rene Weller (Germany)
17. Freddie Pendleton (US)
18. Rafael Pineda (Colombia)
19. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
20. Jesus Romero (Argentina)

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24. Vernon Buchanon (US)
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26. Fidel Rivera (Argentina)
27. Victorio Belcher (US)
28. Shelton La Blanc (US)
29. Luca Di Lorenzi (Italy)
30. Timmy Burgess (US)

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Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Lester Ellis (Australia)
2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
3. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
4. Harold Knight (US)
5. Francisco Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
6. Johnny de la Rosa (Dominican Republic)
7. Roger Arevala (Mexico)
8. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
9. Juan Laporte (Puerto Rico)
10. Lupe Suarez (US)
11. Tyrone Jackson (US)
12. Tony Pep (Canada)
13. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
14. Jose Rivera (Puerto Rico)
15. Jim McDonnell (England)
16. John Sichula (Zambia)
17. Julio Miranda (Argentina)
18. Tony Lopez (US)
19. Kenny Baysmore (US)
20. Jean Baptiste Mendy (France)
21. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
22. Eduardo Galan (Argentina)
23. Pat Cowdell (England)
24. Piero Morello (Italy)
25. Musata Bingunia (Zaire)
26. Geron Porras (Philippines)
27. Jackie Beard (US)
28. Pascual Aranda (US)
29. Robert Dickie (England)
30. Sam Akromah (Ghana)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
2. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
3. George Navarro (US)
4. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
5. Victor Callejas (Puerto Rico)
6. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
7. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
8. Samart Payakarun (Thailand)
9. Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)
10. Miguel Francis (Argentina)
11. Jaime Garza (US)
12. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)
13. Byung-Soo Park (Korea)
14. Sidney Dal Rovero (Brazil)
15. Bernard Taylor (US)
16. Antonio Rivera (Puerto Rico)
17. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
18. Jeff Franklin (US)
19. Mario Alberto Rodriguez (Mexico)
20. Jose Mario Lopez (Argentina)
21. Nelson Rodriguez (Puerto Rico)
22. Joe Ruelas (US)
23. Steve Cruz (US)
24. Jorge Paez (Mexico)
25. Tony Miller (Australia)
26. Javier Camacho (Mexico)
27. Mitsuro Sugiya (Japan)
28. Ruben Dario Palacio (Colombia)
29. Theerapong Sorphromipak (Thailand)
30. Genaro Hernandez (US)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
1. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
2. Loris Stecca (Italy)
3. Jorge Urbina Diaz (Mexico)
4. Jesse Benavides (US)
5. Valerio Nati (Italy)
6. Harold Petty (US)
7. Luis Mendoza (Colombia)
8. Louie Espinoza (US)
9. Dowmai Sithkodom (Thailand)
10. Steve McCrory (US)
11. James Pipps (US)
12. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Republic)
13. Pedro Decima (Argentina)
14. Biyun Chun (Korea)
15. Mark Horikoshi (Japan)
16. Jose Sanabria (Venezuela)
17. Daryl Thigpen (US)
18. Prayoonsak Muangsurin (Thailand)
19. Jesus Salud (US)
20. Pare Memdou (Ivory Coast)
21. Irvin Mitchell (US)
22. Aaron Lopez (US)
23. Lio Arikawa (Philippines)
24. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
25. Raul Martinez (Mexico)
26. Porfirio Hernandez (Mexico)
27. Julio Gervacio (Puerto Rico)
28. Boza Lukman (Indonesia)
29. Enrique Sanchez (Dominican Republic)
30. Celio Ernesto Guevara (Argentina)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Miguel Lora (Colombia)
1. Lucio Lopez (Argentina)
2. Alberto Davila (US)
3. Cardenio Ulloa (Chile)
4. Hurley Snead (US)
5. Raul Perez (Mexico)
6. Frankie Duarte (US)
7. Kaokor Galaxy (Thailand)
8. Chang-Yung Park (Korea)
9. Gaby Canizales (US)
10. Chun Huh (Korea)
11. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
12. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
13. Tadashi Shimabukuro (Japan)
14. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
15. Thierry Jacob (France)
16. Israel Contreras (Venezuela)
17. Luisito Espinoza (Philippines)
18. Raul Valdez (Mexico)
19. Pepilio Valdez (Mexico)
20. Fernie Morales (Mexico)
21. Chang-Kyun Oh (Korea)
22. Alberto Martinez (Mexico)
23. Kiat Chitalada (Thailand)
24. Tae-Yul Seu (Korea)
25. Changuito Carmona (Mexico)
26. Jerome Coffee (US)
27. Fabrice Benichou (Luxembourg)
28. Boo-Bak Cha (Korea)
29. Joao Cardoso (Brazil)
30. Johannes Metahemual (Indonesia)

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Champion
Beby Sugar Rojas (Colombia)
1. Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
2. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
3. Juan Carazo (Puerto Rico)
4. Kiyoshi Hatanaka (Japan)
5. Juan Polo (Colombia)
6. Ruben Condori (Argentina)
7. Yoshiyuki Uchida (Japan)
8. Thonomsak Sithbaobay (Thailand)
9. Chang-Ho Choi (Korea)
10. Sung-Kil Moon (Korea)
11. Armando Castro (Mexico)
12. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
13. Kongtoranee Payakarun (Thailand)
14. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
15. Michael Parris (Guyana)
16. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
17. Eudo Bermudez (Colombia)
18. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
19. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
20. Edgar Monserrat (Panama)
21. Antoine Montero (France)
22. Wangsoo Indrahjit (Indonesia)
23. Elvis Alvarez (Colombia)
24. Chiaki Kobayashi (Japan)
25. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
26. Dae-Yong Park (Korea)
27. Byung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
28. Jossy Amnifu (Indonesia)
29. Kogi Nishikawa (Japan)
30. Ciro Cayetano (Mexiço)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
1. Duke McKenzie (England)
2. Adrian Roman (Argentina)
3. Orlando Canizales (US)
4. Miguel Mercedes (Dominican Republic)
5. Yul-Woo Lee (Korea)
6. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)
7. Leopard Tamakuma (Japan)
8. Paul Gonzales (US)
9. Soon-Joong Kang (Korea)
10. Shunichi Nakajima (Japan)
11. Tony De Luca (US)
12. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
13. Kenji Matsumura (Japan)
14. Nana Konadu (Ghana)
15. Hideaki Kamishiro (Japan)
16. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
17. Ray Medel (US)
18. Dave McAuley (England)
19. Willie Salazar (Mexico)
20. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
21. Hilario Zapata (Panama)
22. Fernando Varquez (Mexico)
23. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
24. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
25. Bi-Won Chung (Korea)
26. Angel Rosario (Puerto Rico)
27. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
28. Julio Gudino (Panama)
29. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
30. Carlos Salazar (Argentina)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Jung-Koo Chang (Korea)
1. German Torres (Mexico)
2. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
3. Humberto Gonzalez (Mexico)
4. Francisco Tejedor (Colombia)
5. Yong-Kang Kim (Korea)
6. Jose de Jesus (Puerto Rico)
7. Hideyuki Ohashi (Japan)
8. Mario Demarco (Argentina)
9. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
10. Katsumi Kimiyama (Japan)
11. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
12. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
13. Chang-Woo Hong (Korea)
14. Seiji Tomari (Japan)
15. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
16. Little Baguio (Philippines)
17. Jose Luis Zepeda (Mexico)
18. Tacy Macalos (Philippines)
19. Julio Cardona (Mexico)
20. Sonny Vidal (Philippines)
21. Tomohiro Kiyuna (Japan)
22. Felix Marti (Dominican Republic)
23. Luis Monzota (Cuba)
24. Putt Ohyuthnakorn (Thailand)
25. Yatsutaka Sakurai (Japan)
26. Gilberto Sosa (Mexico)
27. Carlos Orobio (Panama)
28. Kwanjai Sorpengis (Thailand)
29. Toribio Riascos (Colombia)
30. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)

STRAWWEIGHTS
Champion
Hiroki Ioka (Japan)
1. Kyung-Yung Lee (Korea)
2. Samuth Sithnaruepol (Thailand)
3. Sung-Woo Lee (Korea)
4. Pretty Boy Lucas (Philippines)
5. Mai Thonburifarm (Thailand)
6. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
7. Javier Varquez (Mexico)
8. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
9. Eric Chavez (Philippines)
10. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
11. Ricardo Lopez (Mexico)
12. Kajkong Danphootai (Thailand)
13. Hector Patri (Argentina)
14. John Arief (Indonesia)
15. Javier Alonso (Mexico)
16. Sam-Joong Lee (Korea)
17. Trang Boonierd (Thailand)
18. Nelson Purisima (Philippines)
19. Kenji Yokozawa (Japan)
20. Nico Thomas (Indonesia)
21. Yasuo Yogi (Japan)
22. Eugenio Oviedo (Colombia)
23. Jose Manuel Diaz (Mexico)
24. Uriel Londono (Colombia)
25. Jim Suryaman (Indonesia)
26. Norikazu Kawana (Japan)
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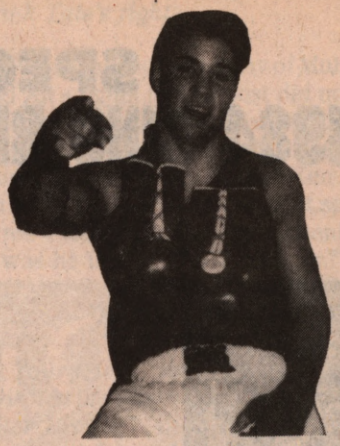

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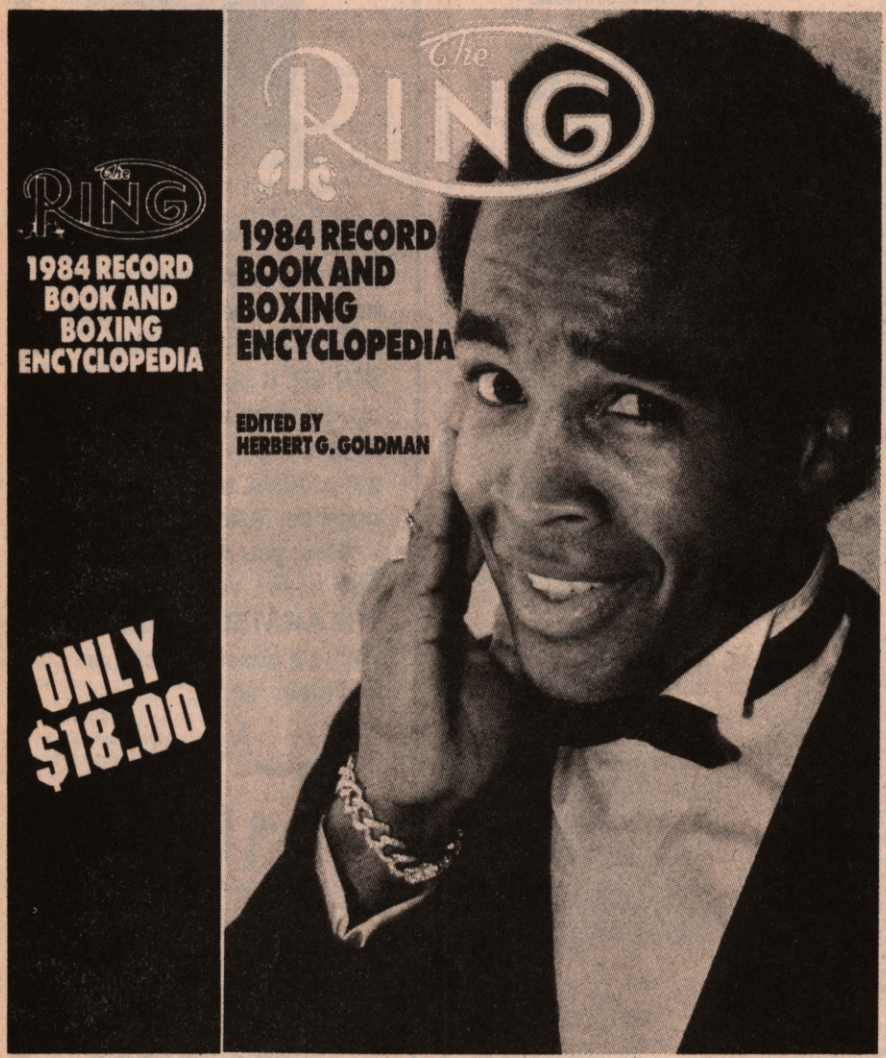

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ASK THE ANSWERMAN

by Phill Marder

Q: First, a question from "The Answerman." Several readers have written claiming that Sammy Dorfman is alive and well in California. We're looking for verification. Sammy, if you're out there, let us know. Now, on to this month's questions.

Q: I would like your impression of the Jerry Quarry/George Chuvalo fight, which Chuvalo won by KO.

J.W. GREANEY
Bridgeport, Connecticut

A: *This fight, which took place December 12, 1969, in Madison Square Garden, had one of those endings only boxing could produce, which probably explains Mr. Greaney's interest. Quarry, leading 4-1-1 on two cards and even, 3-3, on the third, was knocked out with one second remaining in the seventh round. George Girsch covered the bout for* **The Ring** *and wrote, "Chuvalo let go with a long left which landed on Quarry's temple. Jerry appeared to be off balance and did not go down immediately. He sort of backed up for a couple of seconds, then plopped backward to the canvas on the seat of his bright green trunks. He rose almost immediately, then decided to take the mandatory eight count on one knee." Zack Clayton, a veteran referee, picked up the count from timekeeper Tony Perez at five, and Quarry appeared to be waiting for nine to rise. "But when Clayton reached 10, there was Quarry with his knee still touching the floor," wrote Girsch. "Then he quickly rose." Quarry claimed, "Nobody knocks me out. I wasn't hurt. I was looking at the clock and I couldn't hear the count because the crowd was yelling so much. I got gyped. I could have gotten up. I couldn't tell the count by his fingers." Quarry's explanation makes sense, but Chuvalo's is probably truer to the mark. Said George, "If he couldn't tell nine from 10 it must have been a good punch."*

Q: How can I get in touch with Matthew Hilton, who everybody is afraid to fight except Hagler and Hearns? Also, how come not every *Ring* issue gives the three ratings? I've got a couple of issues that are missing the WBC ratings.

LEONARD GILBERT
Toronto, Canada

A: *Hilton can be reached through Don King Productions, 32 East 69th Street, NY, NY 10021. As far as the ratings are concerned, space sometimes prohibits us from running the ratings of all three so-called governing boards. Lately, the WBC ratings have been arriving a month behind the other two groups, which explains why we haven't used them. Since they added more weight classes, it's probably taking them longer to type them!!*

Q: I read in the newspapers that Carlos Monzon had sustained broken ribs and a broken collarbone in a fight with his wife before throwing her off a balcony. If you have any details on this fight, please let me know.

GEORGE CARLOS
Daytona Beach, Florida

A: *Carlos Monzon is in jail in Argentina awaiting trial for the murder of his third wife. Carlos Irusta, a feature writer for "El Grafico," Argentina's leading sports magazine, who did an exclusive interview with Monzon in the November issue of* **The Ring**, *is on the case and will file a complete report on Monzon's woes and fate when the smoke clears.*

Q: Who is that lady standing next to Frank Tate in the February issue (page four)? And why was she allowed in the ring?

P. MAREZ
Long Beach, Mississippi

A: *The lady in question is Josephine Abercrombie, the head of the Houston Boxing Association and promoter of Frank Tate's fights.*

Q: Please tell me how many of Muhammad Ali's fights that he lost did not go the distance. I contend he was stopped only once, by Larry Holmes. A friend claims he saw Ali quit against Ken Norton when his jaw was broken. It seems to me I don't get the same channels, or was he in "The Twilight Zone?"

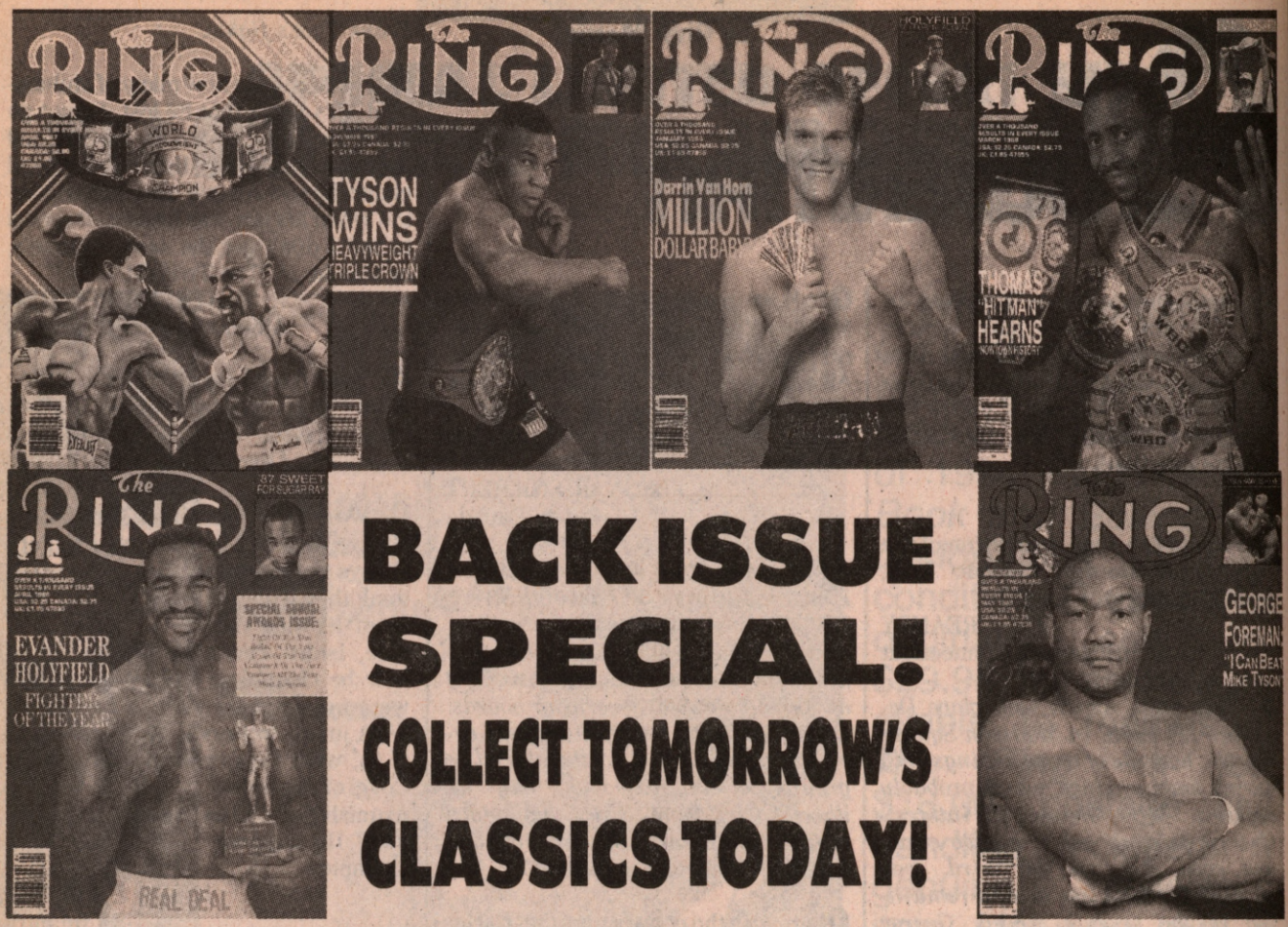
TOM SWERTFEGER
Albuquerque, New Mexico

A: *Your friend was in "The Twilight Zone." At the very least, he was in "The Outer Limits." Ali was stopped just once — by Larry Holmes.*

Q: Why is it that Jung-Koo Chang, Myung-Woo Yuh and Chong-Pal Park always defend their titles in Korea? I think they wouldn't be as good as they seem fighting outside of Korea. For sure, Isidro Perez of Mexico would now be champion. I think the judges were intimidated by the crowd. Is the WBA junior welterweight title vacant? If so, what happened to Juan Martin Coggi of Argentina? Do you know what Azumah Nelson has planned for the future? He happens to be my favorite champion.

JORGE J. MENDEZ
USA Infantry

A: *Our Asian correspondent, Joe Koizumi, assures us that all three Koreans mentioned above are legitimately good fighters. Of course, being a good fighter should not necessarily make one a world champion, though today just about everyone holds one title or another. Basically, there are two reasons why the Koreans defend their titles in Korea. First, and most obvious, is that they get the home advantage. Second, who would pay to see them elsewhere? Juan Martin Coggi is still WBA junior welterweight titleholder. He has been inactive due to a bout with hepatitis. Since he's a South American, it's unlikely the WBA would strip him. Finally, as you're probably aware, Azumah Nelson vacated the featherweight class and recently won the WBC super featherweight title with a hotly disputed decision over Mario Martinez. If Nelson follows the popular path, he'll probably keep vacating and winning titles until he becomes the first to hold titles in 18 different weight divisions. Unless Jeff Fenech beats him to it.*



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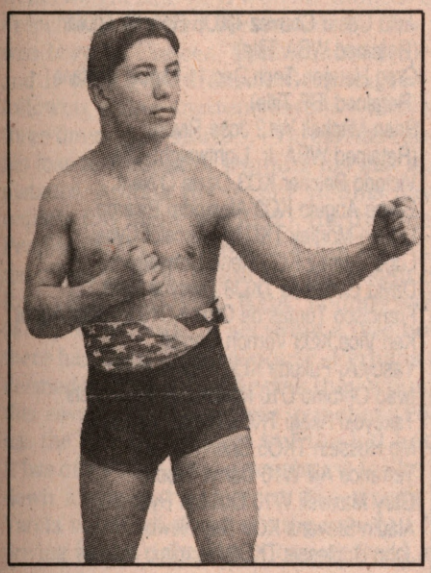
VETERAN BOXERS BEAT

by Charlie Spina



CHARLEY SEIGER

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT A RELATIVE of mine, the great lightweight of days gone by, Charley "Iron Man" Seiger. He was born Angelo Sica, February 7, 1880 in the village of Monte San Giacome in sunny Italy. When he was nine years of age, Charley immigrated to the USA with his parents and the family settled in Hoboken, New Jersey.

As a youngster, Seiger working shining shoes during the day and vending newspapers at night. There wasn't a day that went by that little Charley didn't have to fight off bullies who wanted to steal his hard-earned money. Needless to say, he soon learned how to defend himself quite well.

In 1900 he turned pro and battled his way through the best the lightweight division had to offer. Among the men he fought were Joe Gans (three times), Young Corbett, "Kid" Broad, "Elbows" Mcfadden, Jeff Smith, George Levine, "Mexican" Joe Rivers, Rube Ferns and Jimmy Gardner.

In 1903, Seiger took on future lightweight champ Jimmy Britt over 20 rounds in San Francisco. In the fourth round, the birdies sang for Britt when Charley nailed him on the chin. Then, the fun really began! With Britt in big trouble, the arena lights suddenly went out. When they came back on, 20 minutes later, Britt's corner was soaking wet from the cold water dousing which he'd received during the unscheduled break in the action. Fully recovered, Britt carried on to win the duke in one of boxing's strangest contests.

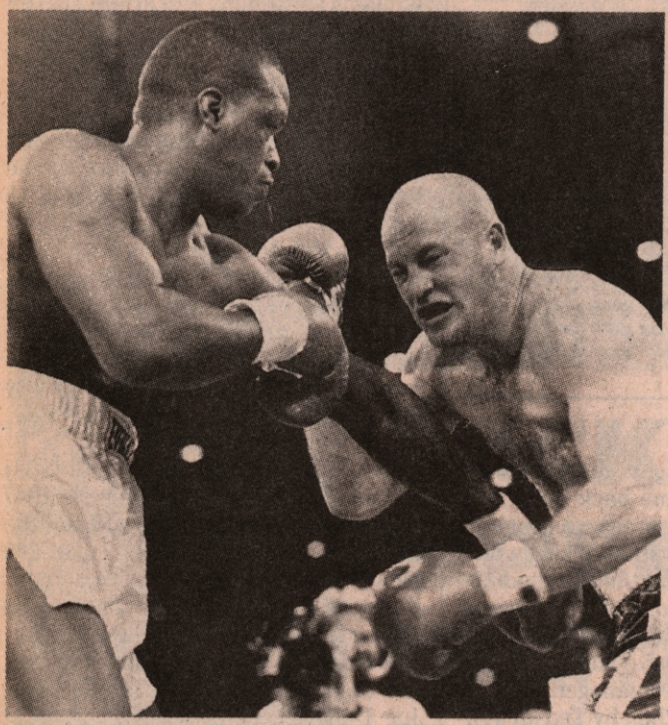
Seiger, who was managed first by Tex O'Rourke and then by Ted McMurray, fought on until 1916, meeting the likes of Kid Stein, Danny Duane, Paddy Sullivan, Mike Glover, Dan Savage, Dick Nelson, Cy Smith, Phil Krug, Frankie Nelson and Johnny Waltz.

When his fighting days were over, Charley operated a gym in Hoboken and managed his nephew, Joe Seiger, who won 54 of 56 pro bouts. Charley also dabbled in politics, making an unsucessful bid for a post on the Hoboken city commission. Charley Seiger, one of Hudson County's most colorful personalities, passed away March 29, 1951 in Secaucus, New Jersey.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES: The Sands Hotel/Casino in Atlantic City hosted a cocktail reception for invited guests this past March that was really something special. In attendance were boxing legends Jake LaMotta, Jersey Joe Walcott, Joe Frazier, Willie Pep, Rocky Graziano, Billy Conn, Floyd Patterson, Joey Giardello, Sandy Saddler, Emile Griffith, Ernie Durando, Chico Vejar and Alexis Arguello. The guests were thrilled to mingle with these ring greats, who posed for photos and signed autographs . . . The Golden State Boxers and Wrestlers Association made its third personal appearance at the Wadsworth Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles as part of a salute to hospitalized war vets. Among the boxers in attendance were Archie Moore, Ike Williams and Jimmy McLarnin. Also on hand was former wrestling champ Count Billy Varga and Allen Koss of the television show "Cheers." . . . Ring 26 IVBA (Capitol District of New York) held its 20th annual dinner/dance and its first Hall of Fame induction at the Ramada Inn, Schnectady, New York. A capacity crowd was on hand to honor founder Petey Virgin along with charter members Joe "Pep" Cassillo, Frankie Alverez, Jimmy Bodecker, Vince D'Agostino and Matt Baranski, who works with Mike Tyson. Honored posthumously were Abe Feldman, Marty Servo, Vinnie Vines and Tony Messina.

THE LAST ROUND: Carmine (Charlie) A. Luongo, 76, died December 26, 1987 in Providence, R.I. A veteran from the 1920s and 30s, he had more than 200 amateur bouts and over 50 pro outings. Known as "Lefty," Luongo also helped train such outstanding fighters as Barney Ross, Jackie Fields, Billy Petrolle, Kid Gavilan, Sal Bartolo, Joe Rindone, Joe DeNucci, Petey Virgin, and most recently, Vinny Pazienza. Luongo was a veteran of World War II . . . Yustin Sirutis, 79, died January 6, 1988 in Puerto Rico. A former Golden Gloves and Intercollegiate heavyweight champion, Sirutis coached for 25 years at CCNY and also managed the PAL boxing program. He was inducted into the City College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976 . . . Frank L. Valenti, 68, recently passed away at his home in Medford, Mass. He was the son of famed New England promoter Rip Valenti. Frank was the man behind the scenes for many boxers, including Tony DeMarco, Paul Pender, Joe DeNucci and Tommy Collins . . . George E. Pongorac, 81, died February 4, 1988 at the East Orange Veterans Hospital. A welterweight during the 1920s, Pongorac was known to the boxing world as George Woods, a terrific puncher who once scored 22 consecutive knockouts . . . Norman Rothschild, 68, died in Syracuse, January 17, 1988. Known as the "Boy Promoter" in the 1950s and 60s, Rothschild is remembered for promoting some of boxing's best bouts from that era. Among the many top fighters he booked were Carmen Basilio, Sugar Ray Robinson, Tony DeMarco, Johnny Saxton, Art Aragon and Gene Fullmer. May they all rest in peace. □

WORLDWIDE FIGHT RESULTS



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Heavyweight Buster Douglas continued his comeback with a TKO victory over Jerry "Wimpy" Halstead (right) on the undercard of the Starling-Breland rematch in Las Vegas.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jimmy Young W10 Rick Kellar
Willie de Wit W10 Henry Tillman
Michael Dokes TKO7 James Pritchard
Mike White TKO5 Walter Santemore
Adilson Rodrigues KO7 Jorge Cambiasso
Jose Rodriguez DQ1 Clinton Barnes
Donovan Ruddock KO2 Larry Alexander
Noel Quarless W10 John Tate
Evander Holyfield TKO8 Carlos DeLeon
(Won WBC Cruiserweight Title)
(Retained WBA Jr. Heavyweight Title)
Chris Jacobs W10 Sergio Bosio
James Douglas TKO9 Jerry Halstead
Johnny DuPlooy KO2 Mike Weaver
James Tillis TKO2 Rod Smith

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Carlos Santistivan W12 Jimmy Stevens
Chris Reid D10 Vince Hopper
Lenny LaPaglia TKO7 Robert Folley
Richard Caramanolis TKO4 Rufino Angulo
Nestor Giovannini KO1 Noe Cruciani

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Danny Morgan KO6 Willis Green
Paul Toweel TKO4 Tony Naidu
Roberto Duran TKO6 Paul Thorn
Terry Norris TKO2 Clayton Hires
Jose da Silva KO3 Carlos Velasquez
Hitoshi Kamiyama KO9 Kenji Kubo
Nobuyuki Tabata KO2 Hidenobu Sasaki
Matt Farrago TKO6 Pat Prisco
Andre Mongelema KO5 Jean-Noel Camara
Rene Jacquot TKO12 Eric Taton
Lupe Aquino W10 Matthew McCrory
Michael Watson TKO4 Joe McKnight
Julian Jackson KO1 Reggie Barnes
Chris Tiozzo W12 Pierre Joly
Robert Hines W12 Steve Little

WELTERWEIGHTS

Marlon Starling D12 Mark Breland
(Retained WBA Title)
Simon Brown TKO14 Tyrone Trice
(Won IBF Title)
Harold Brazier KO2 Billy Moore
Jose Bermudez TKO6 Anibal Miranda
Raul Frank W10 Marcel Daniels
Greg Dickson TKO2 David Allen
Mario Rodriguez TKO10 Larry Benson
Engels Pedroza KO2 Sammy Young
Martin Quiroz TKO4 Anthony Jones
Naoki Ito W10 Yoshiaki Tajima
Helio Santana W10 Hugo Hector Vilte
Willie Taylor W10 Thomas Warren
Hiroaki Motohashi W10 Katsumi Nonoguchi
Rocky Kelly TKO8 David Dent
Roger Mayweather KO3 Maurico Aceves
(Retained WBC Light Welterweight Title)
Donovan Boucher TKO2 Shawn O'Sullivan
Brian Baronet W10 Davey Montana
Meldrick Taylor TKO5 Ivan Gonzalez
Howard Davis Jr. W10 Shelton LeBlanc
Jorge Maysonet KO1 Hugh Kearney
Primo Ramos TKO1 Kearns Iybarva
Engels Pedroza KO2 Javier Raton

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Julio Cesar Chavez TKO6 Rodolfo Aguilar
(Retained WBA Title)
Greg Haugen Tech.Dec.11 Miguel Santana
(Retained IBF Title)
Brian Mitchell W12 Jose Rivera
(Retained WBA Jr. Lightweight Title)
Victorio Belcher KO3 Ozzie O'Neal
Felipe Angulo KO2 Alejandro Ricardo
Linden Mortley TKO10 Lancelot Cyrus
Lupe Suarez KO3 Rene Constantino
David Gonzales TKO8 Dwayne Swift
Francisco Tomas da Cruz KO10 Esteban Bustos
Ken Vice KO3 Vernon Garrett
Yasuyuki Fukuda KO8 Minoru Kujyo
Iwao Ohtomo D10 Masamichi Hashiguchi
Takeyuki Akagi TKO5 Naoyuki Iramina
Mo Hussein TKO5 Brian Roche
Terrence Alli W10 Darryl Tyson
Gary Maxwell W10 Quinton Ryan
Aladin Stevens KO8 Ray Newby
John Duplessis TKO2 Herminio Morales

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Idabeth Rojas KO1 Herminio Adorno
Louie Espinoza TKO3 Tony Cisneros
Tracy Harris Patterson KO2 Bobby Thomas
Steve McCrory TKO5 Julio Blanco
Carlos Ramiro KO7 Harold Petty
Sidnei Dal Rovere W10 Alejandro Benavides
Marcos Villasana TKO5 Jaime Garza
Louie Espinoza TKO5 Jerome Coffee
Jeff Franklin W12 Aaron Lopez
Barry McGuigan TKO6 Nico Perez

BANTAMWEIGHTS

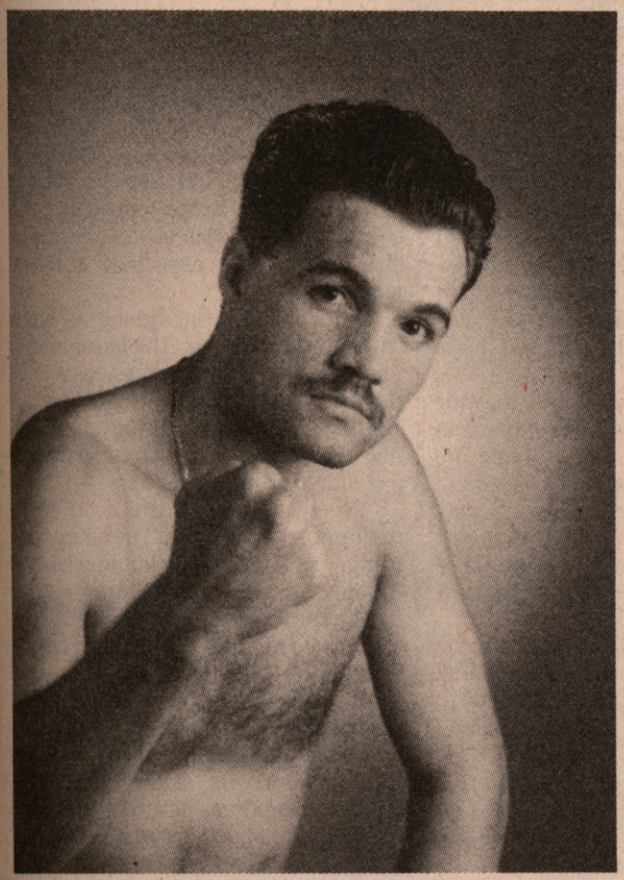
Gilberto Roman W12 Sugar Baby Rojas
(Won WBC Super Flyweight Title)
Hurley Snead W10 Carlos Flores
Renaldo Carter TKO1 Ryan Fore
Jorge Acosta KO5 Oscar Achevarria
Chiaki Kobayashi W10 Leopard Ari
Joao Cardoso W10 Oscar Chamorro
Robert Dickie TKO5 Hengky Gun
Kenny Mitchell W12 Gaby Canizales
Simon Skosana TKO11 Fundile Shushwana
Billy Barton W10 Francisco Garcia
Orlando Canizales KO2 Louis Curtis
Juan Carrazo TKO6 Tim Silva

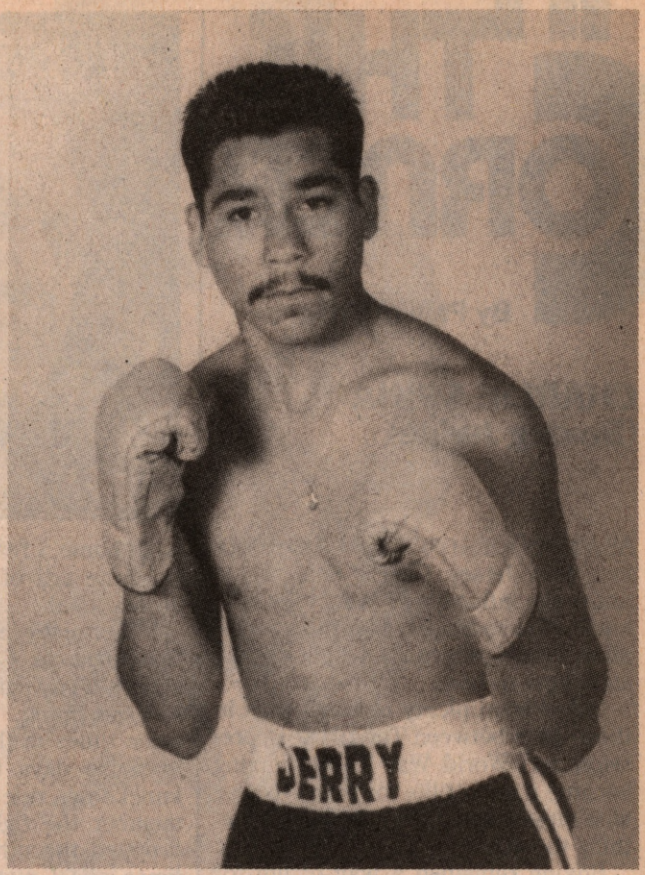
FLYWEIGHTS

Rodolfo Blanco KO2 Eduardo Tunon
Yasuo Yogi KO2 Max Forrosuelo

JOSE VARELA MIDDLEWEIGHT

THOUGH JOSE VARELA IS A NEW FACE TO MOST AMERICAN fight fans, according to Jack Tree, *The Ring*'s German correspondent, he's a very familiar face in German boxing circles ... Southpaw Varela has a solitary blemish on his 31-bout pro record, a TKO defeat to Spaniard Alphonso Redondo last year which cost Varela the European welterweight title he'd won six months earlier by stopping Frenchman Brahim Messaoudi in five rounds ... Varela was born in Cances, Spain, moved to Germany in 1970 and is now a naturalized German. He turned pro in '83 following a fine amateur career which saw him lose only three times in 75 starts ... Varela has rebounded well since his loss to Redondo, winning his last six bouts inside the distance. Among his recent victims have been American imports Ray Menefee (KO2), Hardy Jones (KO1) and Mike Peoples (KO1) ... Manager Ebby Thust has made substantial offers to WBC junior middleweight champ Gianfranco Rosi ($220,000) and WBA counterpart Julian Jackson ($180,000) in hope of securing a title bout. Unfortunately, there has been little response. Perhaps the money wasn't deemed sufficient for the risk they would be taking against this savage and merciless puncher (25 kayo wins) who has the face of an angel but the left hook of an assassin? It has often been said a southpaw is like a motorist driving down a one-way street on the wrong side of the road. Varela is one of these southpaws, but he is certain he is driving in the right direction—toward a world title. □





GERARDO MARTINEZ BANTAMWEIGHT

HE'S UNDEFEATED IN 16 PRO BOUTS WITH EIGHT KAYOES. Jack Fiske of the *San Francisco Chronicle* called him "Last year's rookie of the year, next year's main event of the year." He's bantamweight Gerardo Martinez, the pride and joy of San Jose boxing ... Managed by Lalo Sarabia and trained by Arturo Mata, Martinez is a favorite with the customers at Miguel Jara's Star Promotions in both San Jose and nearby Santa Clara ... Born in Mexicali, Mexico, Martinez and his family moved to California where he began boxing at the San Jose PAL when he was 16. Among his amateur honors were PAL Fighter of the Year in '84 and several regional Golden Glove titles. He turned pro in '85 after graduating from Yerba Buena High School. Martinez' pro debut resulted in a four-round decision over Manuel Medina — and he hasn't looked back since. At first, Martinez was not considered much of a power puncher, but he has become progressively more aggressive and has won his last five bouts inside the distance ... "Martinez bobs and weaves well, and, in the Mexican tradition, has a great left hook underneath," reported fight publicist John Brister ... Though some of his recent fights have been fought at 122 pounds, Martinez has no trouble making 118 and intends to campaign as a bantamweight ... "I think I will be ready for top contenders after another three or four fights," said Martinez. "I would love to fight Happy Lora. He's quick and kinda awkward, but I know we would make a great fight." □

IN THIS CORNER

By Phill Marder

CHARLIE SPINA (Boxing Judge)

AS A TEENAGER GROWING UP IN HOBOken, New Jersey, Charlie Spina came under the influence of Frank Sinatra's uncle, Champ Seiger, who ran a recreation center where he taught youngsters how to box.

There were plenty of candidates in those days between The Great Depression and World War II, and boxing became a way of life for many youths, who often had to fight just to get something to eat.

Boxing remained a way of life for the 67-year-old Spina, who recently was added to the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame. After a brief amateur career, Spina worked his way through 36 professional bouts without a loss before forced into retirement by sickness. But he remained active in the game, serving as an amateur trainer and referee before becoming president of Ring 14, in addition to being elected president of the World Boxing Historians and the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

Today, Spina continues to add to boxing lore, serving as one of New Jersey's finest judges as well as writing his monthly "Veteran Boxers Beat" for *The Ring*.

"On my block, there were seven fighters," Spina said, recalling his youth. "There were seven *good* fighters. That got me interested in boxing. I was shining shoes and selling papers and I used to listen to guys like Tony Canzoneri, Billy Petrolle, Jimmy McLarnin fight on the radio.

"I went to Champ Seiger's gym and started boxing and had 15 or 16 so-called fights before I was 15 years old. Then, I joined a CCC camp and I ended up in California. I had 11 fights out there, won 10, lost one. So when I came back home, I really started to box."

At the age of 18, Spina became a professional.

"After a few smokers, I fought my first fight in Garfield, New Jersey, against a guy named Tommy Ferrera," recalled Spina. "I got knocked down three times in the second round, but in those days there was no three-knockdown rule. After that, I don't remember the fight, but I presumably dropped the other guy two or three times and I won the decision. I just can't remember anything about it, I was fighting on instinct."

Getting dropped three times in his pro debut may have earned Spina the nickname "China Chin Charlie," except for the extenuating circumstances.

"I was only a featherweight and the other guy was a welterweight," noted Spina. "We were both making our pro debuts. We both had our hands taped and were itching to fight. I said I was ready, I wanted to fight. Hell, we made $6!

"After a couple more fights, the war came and I was in the Coast Guard in Jack Dempsey's class. He was our commander. We had some great boxers in that class, Lou Ambers, Marty Servo, Gus Lesnevich, there were so many, too many to name. I stayed there three months, but then I got shipped out. I ended up in Boston."

Servicemen weren't supposed to be boxing professionally while defending the country, but Spina managed to squeeze in 19 fights in the New England area while stationed in Bean Town. Then, he was shipped to California where regulations were enforced a little tighter, and Spina's career was put on hold.

"After I was discharged, I had 13 more fights, winning nine by knockout," Spina recalled. "Then, I contacted pleurisy and pneumonia for six months. I went down to 96 pounds, and the doctors advised me not to fight anymore."

Spina hung it up at the ripe old age of 26. As a professional, he was undefeated in 36 fights, with 23 knockouts.

"In my day, you had to win 30, 40, 50 fights to fight in Madison Square Garden," said Spina. "Today, you walk into the Garden and you can fight there. I had 36 fights and was still fighting six- and eight-rounders. Today, 16 fights and you're in a title fight.

"In those days, there were a lot of great trainers around. Today, there are just a few. Cutmen, too. There used to be a lot of great ones, but today there aren't many."

However, there are still a lot of fights, and those fights need judges. Until 1978, New Jersey scoring was done solely by the referee. But the Garden State joined the modern world in 1978, and Spina, serving as a state inspector, immediately agreed to begin judging.

"I knew what it was all about," said Spina. "It helps as a judge if you were a fighter yourself, and I lived boxing all my life. I'm not saying you can't be a good judge if you've never fought, but it helps."

With the boom of casino boxing in Atlantic City, Spina found himself a very busy guy. He has judged over 200 shows. And, he has seen some pretty strange verdicts, especially in recent months.

"I don't know what's going on," Spina said, commenting on the latest rash of weird calls. "The commissions should do something about it. In the Starling/Breland fight, I had Starling ahead, but not by much. Breland stunk, but Starling didn't do much, either.

"I've seen some judges score fights the opposite of me, but I never say anything," said Spina. "I know what I'm doing, and I call the fight honestly. I call them the way I see them."

And how does Spina see boxing today?

"It'll always be an exciting sport, especially when there's a good heavyweight around like Muhammad Ali or Mike Tyson," he said. "The biggest problem today is there are too many drugs in the sport, but that's true in all sports. What can you do?" □

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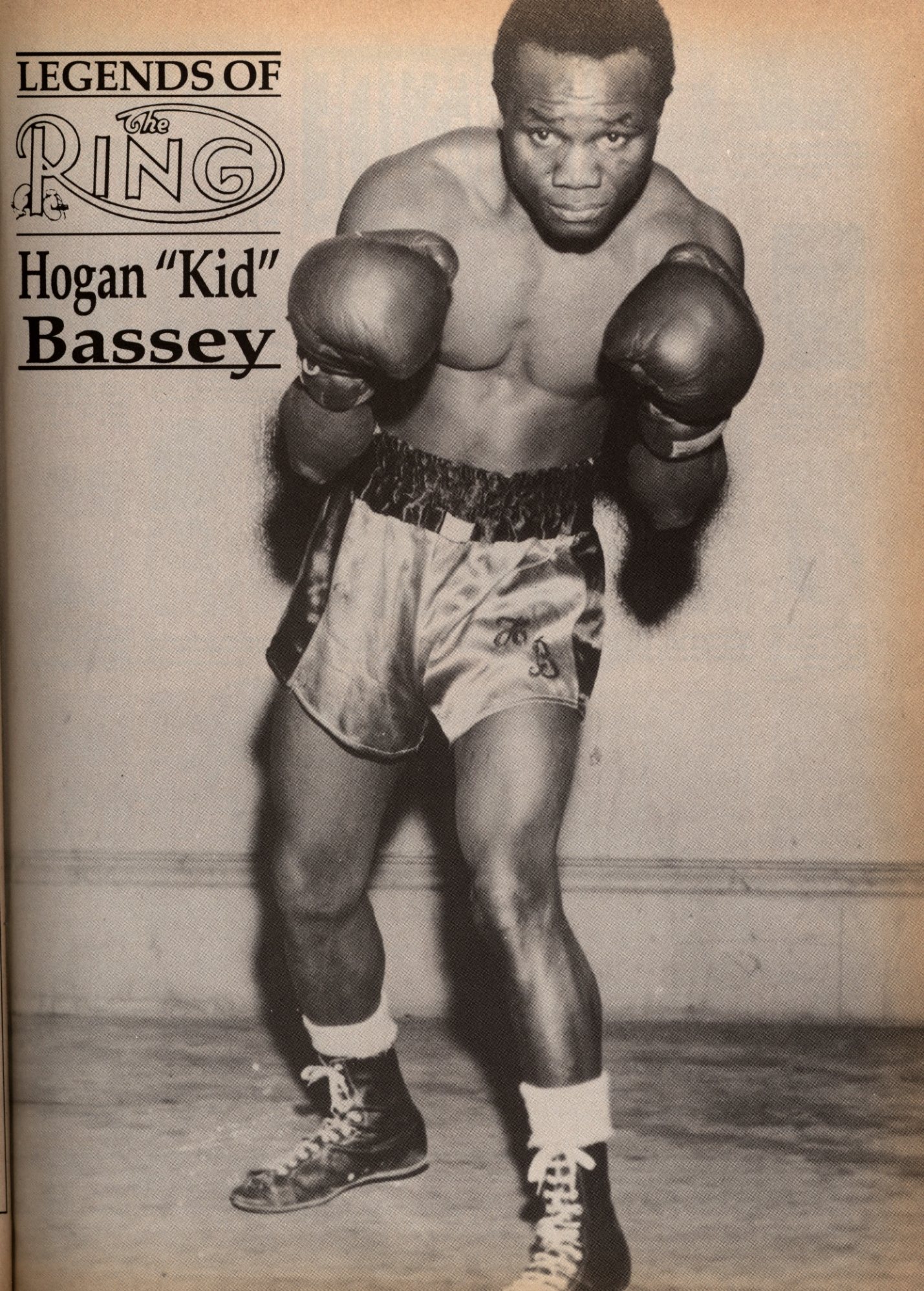

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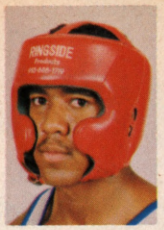

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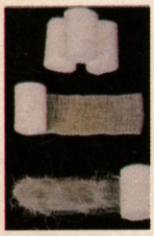
Leather Boxing Shoes—Extra high 10" shoe. Rubber sole. Four stripes can be personalized with your choice of colors. LBS $40.00



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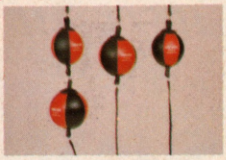

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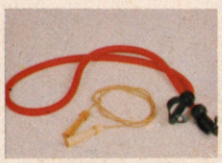

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